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Stepping forward . . . with a little help


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Caught up in the everyday hustle and bustle sometimes forced students to find solitude and quiet in the halls of AHS.

## New dawn delivers promise

Another nine months at school was in for a change at AHS. The reason? The decade of the 1980's rolled around and put a little added something into the students' lives. They dared to be different and considered life as too short to settle for less. AHS students were the trend, the fad, the fashion, and the rage. Strong feelings lingered in the hearts of many during the '70's and were no longer suppressed in 1980. An anxious awaiting for a change to come was felt by a majority of the students. The monotony and hum-drumness of everyday living did not suffice the need to really let go and express themselves. The senior class of 1980 realized the fact that they were the firsts and tried to set examples. Eric Watson, senior, revealed what he thought were the three most important things a person could do to better himself.

"I think people should exercise every day like it's the last day they're alive on earth, self-study through books,

magazines, etc., and to get along with everyone they meet."

John Turk, another ambitious senior was concerned with the impressions his classmates would make for future AHS students. "I feel we will set standards and goals for the classes in the future to work toward and improve upon. We would create a type of competitiveness for the classes that will follow us." Turk also wanted "to inspire the graduating classes to achieve more than we did."

1980 was a year to be remembered. The spirit was running high, students caught the fever, and we began a new decade with all of the excitement of a fourth of July fireworks display. An old saying, "first impressions make lasting impressions" seemed appropriate for the students at AHS, for they strove with all the power endowed them to make the first impression of the 1980's a lasting one.



Starting off ten new years with each other, Sarah Pogue and Jenny Davis realize the value of friendship.





Wearing the first senior tee-shirts of the 1980's, Becky Bourland, Mindy Foster, and Maria Martin proudly display their "senior-orty".



Caught in a brief moment of realization to what the 1980's may bring is Terry Houlihan.



"We're number one!" proved to be the battle-cry at the AHS pep rallies as Pam Davidson and Debra Miller display their esteem.







ensely watching the close game against Midland Lee, the new mascots, Michael Balanciere and Terry Coulhan replace the traditional Eagle quad in boosting spirits. **Left inset:** Showing her approval at the football game, Tonya Freeman identifies herself as one of the senior women to start off the new decade by wearing her senior '80 women tee-shirt. **Right inset:** Leading the seniors in caravans

as well as at games and pep rallies, Rhogena Deatherage marks herself as another change for AHS by being one of the 1980 cheerleaders.

Serving as a reminder of the new controversies of the eighties, this stump lies near the cafeteria. The cutting of the former tree caused much uproar in the spring of '79. It was one of two cut—both spots were birthplaces of two new trees in 1980.



Excited about the new TV station, KTAB, Leigh Ann Manis and Eileen Greever enter the new building.



## Changes brought on by new decade bring relief, chaos

"Just the way you are," a popular song by Billy Joel in 1978 many have suited the '70's, but that was definitely not the case as the '80's rolled around. Change, with a capital 'C' dominated the events occurring within AHS as well as the Abilene community. A new face seemed to look around a corner or bob up the stairs—often bump into others if the change happened to belong to a sophomore—as the ridicule from upperclassmen would have it. But sophomores weren't the only new ones to Abilene High, although they made up the majority. Many new teachers, new coaches and also a new vice-principal, Mr. Lynn Mendenhall, filled the halls. Additions also included two new mascots—alias Michael Balanciere and Terry Coulhan—a first for AHS, with the exception of Champ, the old eagle who was used in pep rallies and ball games quite a few years back.

Being new to a brand new school could be a step backward, but in more ways, it was another step bringing each student closer to his or her goals. Sophomores were brought down to the bottom of

the totem pole—or the top of the ridicule—from being reigning freshmen in junior high. "Abilene High is helping me a lot, especially in my music department. My goal is to major in music and become a good musician, or at least give one concert," sophomore Fred Velasquez shared. He added, "My classification hasn't really affected me all that much, but I do wish that the juniors and seniors would stop calling me a 'sorry sophomore.' This year is great because of the liberty we have here in school. I think it's a lot better than Mann Jr. High. In fact, this is the best school I've ever attended."

A sigh of relief marking that longed-for step could be heard from the junior class as they no longer had to be the butt of all jokes, but could finally deliver them. Their senior rings no doubt added to the feeling of respect they felt. "Now that I am no longer a 'stupid sophomore', I am respected a little more and have more friends. This has helped me gather customers in my custom tee-shirt business. Doing custom tee-shirts is along the same lines as what I want to do in the future," junior John Heslep

stated. He went on to say more about this school year. "I believe that being a junior makes it a lot easier on me. When you're a sophomore, everybody gives you a rough time. This year is better than the year before, but I'm still looking forward to being at the top next year."

"At the top," seniors faced many changes that weren't so far into the future. Seniors graduated and entered an even more alien world from the high school years. Suddenly, they were forced to make decisions—major ones about their futures—on their own often times, and expected to carry them out on their own as well. "I'm feeling something weird because I am realizing that things I am accustomed to will change drastically in the very near future. My goals are being closer and closer to being accomplished and I'm in awe at the nearness of it. College, of course, will be in my future plans. Also, I will be moving out of the house. That will be a very big change. Living alone will be a terrific learning experience, probably more so than college," Rhonda Gillis explained. She went on to say, "My being

a senior is also something new. I have a kind of feeling of, not superiority, but like I have done something no other student younger than I has done. I'm in my twelfth year. The home stretch. The title of senior has made me more aware of my grades."

Abilene, as well as Abilene High experienced various changes. The new mall was into full-swing just after being opened in the spring of '79. New fast food restaurants were opening such as Del Taco. And discos were continually popping up to supply entertainment to the growing population. KTAB, a new TV station also bloomed, taking the place of the Dallas station. "Abilene is definitely experiencing the 'boom'," one citizen expressed.

Change was definitely the key to the switch from the '70's to the '80's, and was clearly evident at AHS, as well as in Abilene.



Filling up his gas tank, David Morris finds that gasoline may no longer be a necessity.

Holding down a job in addition to schoolwork is not uncommon practice for many students as Gary House, employed by Chick Fil-A, can verify.



## Contemporary issues shed light on students' lives, goals

1980 dawned cold and hard in the labyrinth of global turmoil and AHS students were caught up in the middle of the pandemic confusion. Everywhere students turned, chaos confronted their lives and whether or not they wanted to, they experienced it and gained from the encounter. At Abilene High, students remembered the year 1980 with the panicked feeling of a trapped animal. Many important decisions had to be made and many questions had to be answered. Many had to focus in on their innermost thoughts and many beliefs were challenged. Quite a few students' curiosities were stimulated and they could not stop, at least, not until they had whetted their appetite for the answer.

The pressure was on. More and more students were forced to work due to the economic

recession. Gasoline, clothes, and just "plain ole spending money" were hard to come by. Involvement in school activities was cut short and everyone seemed to be spread a little bit too thin. Students felt like "no time was theirs", and most felt like they were going at a pace much faster than they should have been. Many began to wonder if it was worth it.

Then a biggie fell and hit us all hard in the face. During the takeover of the U. S. Embassy in Iran where militant students held more than fifty Americans hostage, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan. This was an unwanted and additional threat. It jeopardized the 1980 summer Olympic games to be held in Moscow. Many countries were seriously considering pulling out of the competition in protest to the invasion. The United States was one of them.

It also posed a more realistic and down-home situation: the re-instating of the draft. The blow was astounding! Our generation had never even thought of the possibility of another war. The idea was obsolete in their minds. It was a concept that shattered their dreams, plans, and goals. Students had to start thinking in "what ifs" and other possibilities too numerous to count. They were disillusioned and maybe just a little bit scared.

New light began to shed on the subject. There was a chance something could be done about the chaos. The time came for the nation to choose its leader. It needed someone strong and powerful and also someone who was not much less than genius. AHS students began to feel the need and many started to take note of the candidates. Jimmy Carter,

the incumbent President, Teddy Kennedy, George Bush and Ronald Reagan to name a few, all had both the pros and cons, but which one would pull it off? Several debated consciously and subconsciously and made their own decisions, for they realized it would soon be entirely on their shoulders.

The year 1980 was a year of awakening. Students were finding themselves in unknown situations and were forced to make as mature and adult decisions as possible. It was hard, it was real, it was defiant. They had never in their lives been cast the role of the adult. It was a challenge many accepted with all of the strength they had bestowed in their hearts, their minds, and their souls.



The Iran crisis is as big as Life as  
 Greg Carter soon discovers



Wearing an armband to protest the  
 American hostages at the U. S. Embassy  
 in Iran, Steve Mowery remembers his  
 fellow countrymen



Supporting the presidential candidate  
 John Connally, Donna McMillon adver-  
 tises her preferred choice

Making important decisions is  
 sometimes a difficult endeavor as artist  
 John Heslop perceives the situation  
 through the eyes of President Carter





Pausing to express himself and relax with friends. A student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Photo by [illegible]

## Escapes from toil and trouble sought

Sorry. Can't. I'm all booked up. What do you mean, with what? Name something.

For many, high school meant the same thing as extra busy. Several held one or more jobs, plus school and the homework that went along with it. Then too were the many extracurricular activities. Clubs, sports, church, dates, among other things, were often found on students' agenda.

Achieving. Planning. So much to do, so much to decide, so little time to do it. When students paused long enough to wolf something biodegradable down their throats, or take on a horizontal position long enough so they could open their eyes the next morning, it was almost as if valuable time was wasted. It wasn't unusual

to hear, "I got home from work at 11:30 and then stayed up until 1:30 finishing my research paper last night!" going around school.

Rush, rush, rush! Was there never a moment of rest, reflection? Luckily, an affirmative yes came forth. Sometimes the few moments of unscheduled free time were spent curled up with a good book, munching out in front of the TV, or just plain thinking. Thinking about anything from tomorrow's price hike to what a certain scene would look like on a canvas in the den.

Sometimes, part of the scheduled rush served as a moment to catch one's breath. Dating, if the couple had been seeing each other for a fairly long time, could be in a relaxed

atmosphere in the theatre, or in the living room, listening to the stereo. Church brought on a quiet relaxed time for many students to reflect their religious life.

Stepping forward, moving on, were very important to the high school years, but a period of rest and relaxation were just as important to one's mental and physical health. There were so many things to think about and to do, it felt good just to plop down somewhere and forget the worries momentarily, as there was always the reminder to get back to work soon in the back of one's mind.





As others work hard to the song  
Sara production Jordan the steps  
times

During her spare time Cynthia  
Rose relaxes with a good book



pping forward is definitely  
important to Derrick Fields



but he also values rest



and takes time out to rub his  
feet because it makes it easier

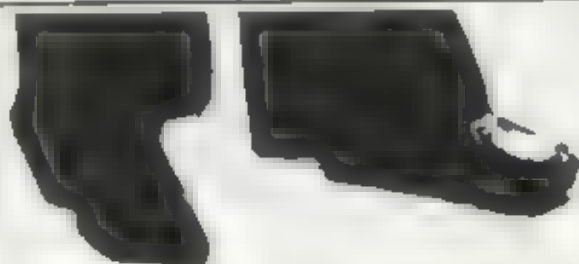


to move even closer to his goals





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## ***Students find lives, activities rewarding***

My life is changing  
It's so cluttered now  
Work,  
Clubs,  
Dates,  
Church,  
Sports,  
School  
The eighties  
A new decade,  
A new era  
A new life  
But I'm stepping forward  
And nearing the "real life"—  
Getting closer to my goals  
With the help from  
Family,  
Friends,  
Church,  
Ablene citizens  
The eighties

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Helping another helpless sophomore with the required classes is Mr. Lockett



Getting their schedules arranged with some help from counselor Mr. Dee Waggoner are Robert Haynes, Pam Dawkins, Robert Trasp, Karen Redwine and Lefty Espinoza



Checking them twice, Mr. Waggoner goes over the new schedules looking for errors



## Teachers aid in choice of subjects

Like a mini-assembly line, students of AHS gathered in the cafeteria a few weeks before school started to register. The line out the door became longer until finally the doors opened at 8:30 whereupon each student received various forms of papers which would later be filed.

Taking their seat with other kids they knew, they began to work out their puzzling schedules, always aware of the ever-growing list of full classes written on the chalkboard. After having them okayed by various counselors, students had their student I.D.'s made, then prepared for the long wait for them to be registered by teachers and counselors back in the faculty cafeteria.

Registration was a little different from the years past. The counselors and teachers were now depending on the help from computers to set up the class role sheets, as well as progress and report cards.

With anxieties calmed and newness worn off, students gradually became accustomed to the routine and looked forward to seeing old friends as well as making new ones when school started once the first steps were made with summer registration.



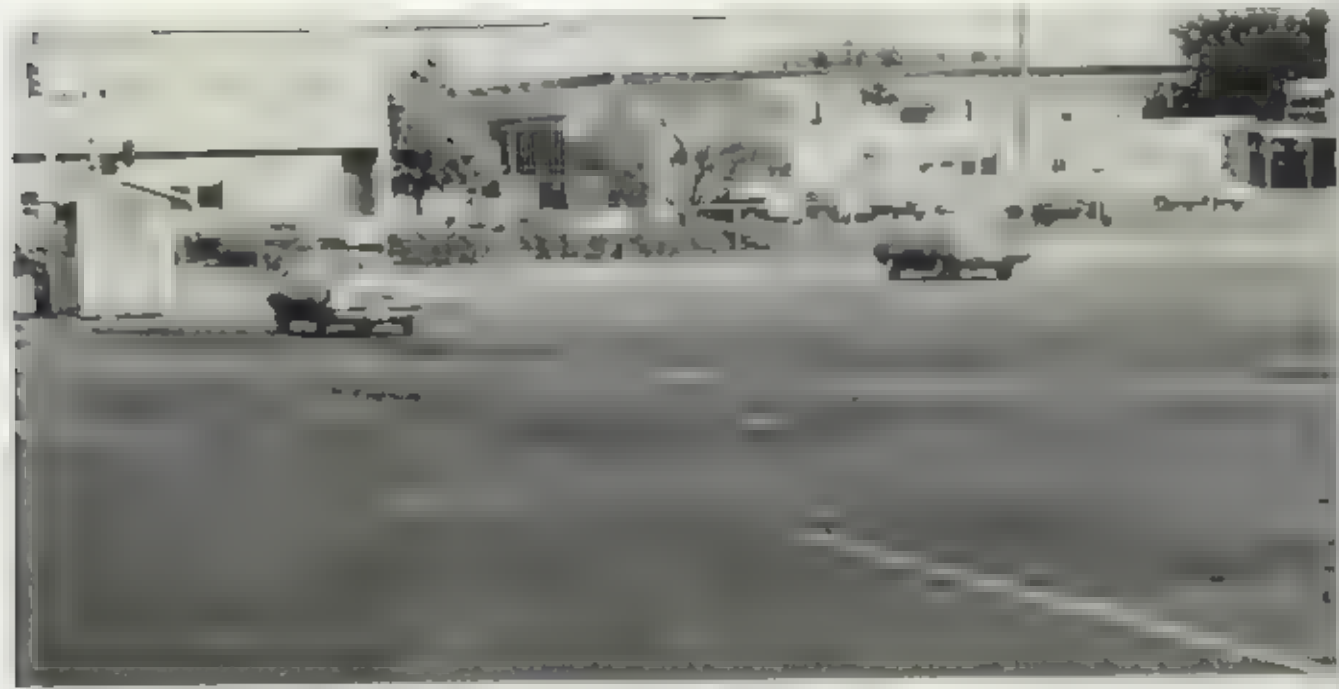
Senior counselor Mrs. Marilyn Cluck reads John Brecheen's shirt as he and Mark Lockwood do the exciting job of arranging their schedules



ROTC member, Robert Haynes, tries to recruit Robert Trasp



Newly remodeled, the AHS parking lot is a pleasant surprise to returning students.



New cars as well as new faces show up at AHS as Joe Tecson pulls up in his new Firebird

Trying to find her classes on the first day of school, sophomore Tammy Maldonado seems slightly confused



During the only break offered, during school, Rosie Sanchez enjoys every minute of lunch



Stopping in between classes, Gina Baber takes a break from the fast pace

## Confusion . . .

"Oh no . . . where do I go now? This place is so big I'm afraid I'm going to get lost!"

These were the probable thoughts that passed through mostly sophomore students on the first day of school.

Juniors, who were getting used to the rustle and bustle of AHS thought of it as just the beginning of a routine.

Seniors, however, were carefree (or seemed to be) and had already gone through two former years of classes at AHS.

Sophomores, oh, the sophomores passing through the halls one could always tell a sophomore from the rest—they were the ones with the sweet little faces that looked like they'd just lost their best friend.

The most recurring phrases were the, "Where am I?"'s, the "Oh no!"'s, and others like these. One senior recalled her first day as a sophomore at AHS. "I was almost tardy to my first period class because I couldn't find the room, and I walked around afraid someone would try to sell me an elevator ticket!"

Finally making it to class on time students sat down relieved, then looked around the class and suddenly realized that no one in the room looked familiar. As beads of sweat began to pop up and they felt faint and weak, the bell for class to be over finally rang.

Hour after hour, class after class—the fact of having to face just one more class didn't seem quite as frightening anymore. At last the bell rang for the final class of the day to be dismissed, which brought each student one step closer to their goals.

As students walked into the door of their home, they collapsed on the couch in their living room and thought they'd never get enough rest!

"How was your first day at high school?", mothers asked, coming through the door. The student straightened up and replied, "It was a breeze!" Shortly afterward, snores of exhaustion came from the couch.



Enjoying a little laughter, David Russell and Kyle La relax away from school.

Enjoying some time together, Loyal Proffitt and Le McKee share a special moment together.

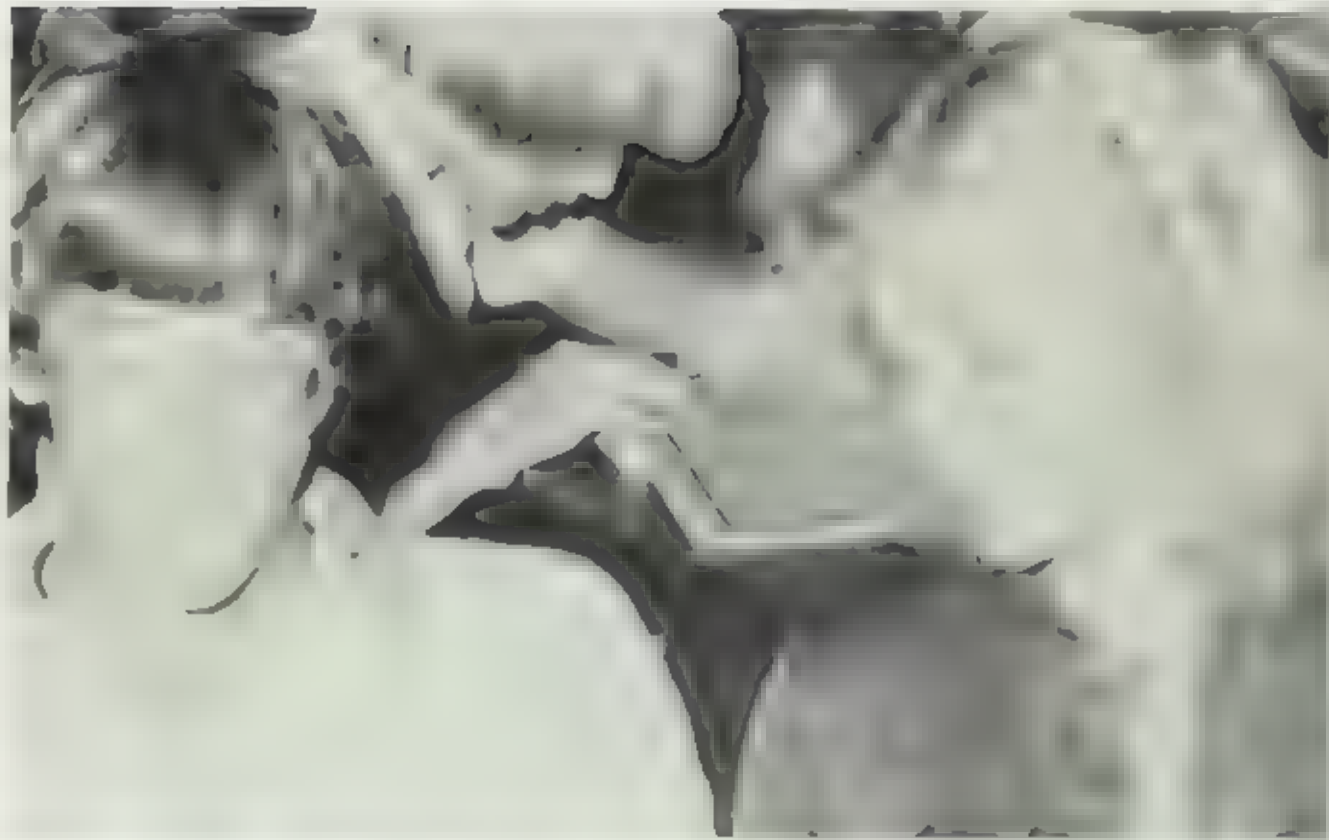
## Friends make trends

Weekends seemed to be a blessing in disguise for most Abilene High students. Weekends broke the chain of monotonous events that took place in any normal week.

When asked what they did on weekends, several students commented on movies, eating out, bowling, and other various activities. Most students did not feel that Abilene was an active weekend spot. One soon got tired of cruising the Sonic every Friday and Saturday night.

The opening of the Mall of Abilene, new discos, restaurants, and theaters brought welcomed excitement to Abilene weekenders. The excitement was dampened by expense. Students felt that entertainment establishments should have charged less on weekends for high schoolers. More school dances and rec nights were also suggested.

If quiet weekends of rest and relaxation were preferred, Abilene was a perfect place to spend the weekend hours. Abilene offered something for everyone on weekends if time was taken to find it.



Showing their talent on the dance floor, Terry Wright and Sherree Jones dance to the disco music.

Studying during the hour break, Sandy Miller and James Williams discuss and compare their feelings about one of many books.







# Explosive spirit unites student body

As upperclassmen, the seniors united the student body during the school year.

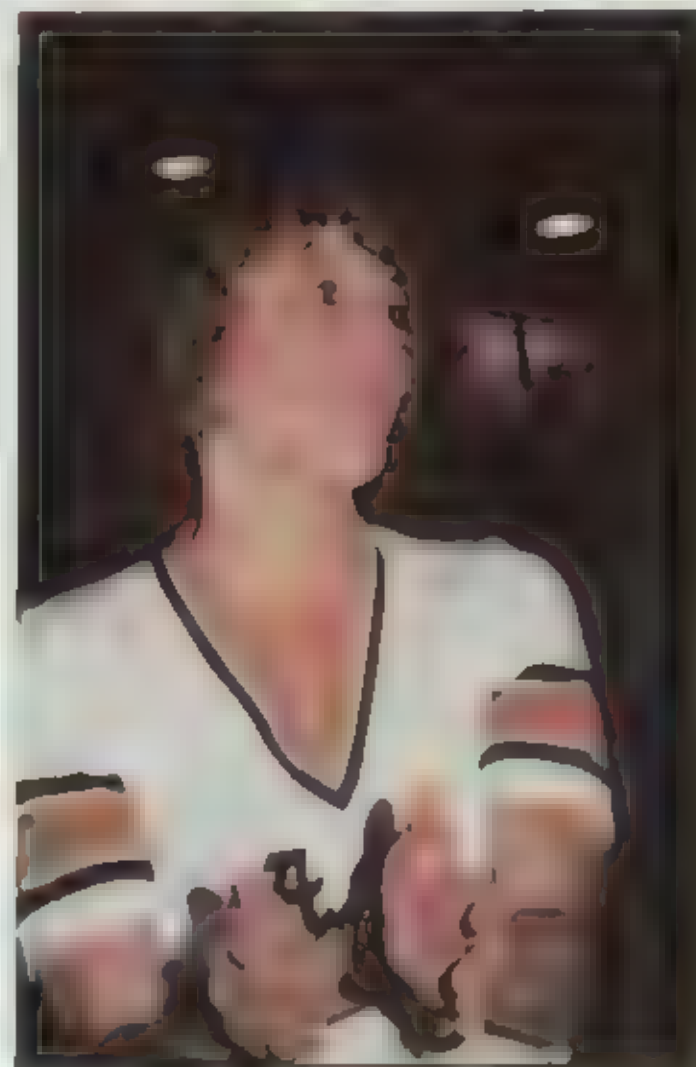
As excitement built up inside the student body, in their track and field people could tell it was to be a victorious day. Cheerleaders, Bird God, and the mighty Eagle band led the sophomores, juniors and seniors to unite as one school.

Spirit of the student body was overwhelming. Unity could be seen among the students. Many Eagle activities were planned during the football season such as "Spook the Boppers" and the annual door decoration contest during the week of the rvt game against Cooper. Fans also had an important role at Atterre High, for they backed the Eagles at any time. Bird God squad leaders gave their support on Fridays as they did a few routines to back the mighty Eagles to a victory. The spirit club spread an array of energetic life. Students from the exchange club in Mexico also supported the Eagles.

As the pep rally ended, students clasped their hands in unity as the school song was played. While building excitement for the next pep rally, "Go Eagles!" could be heard even as the gym was empty.



Displaying one of their many talents, the AHS cheerleaders express their joy of being an Eagle.

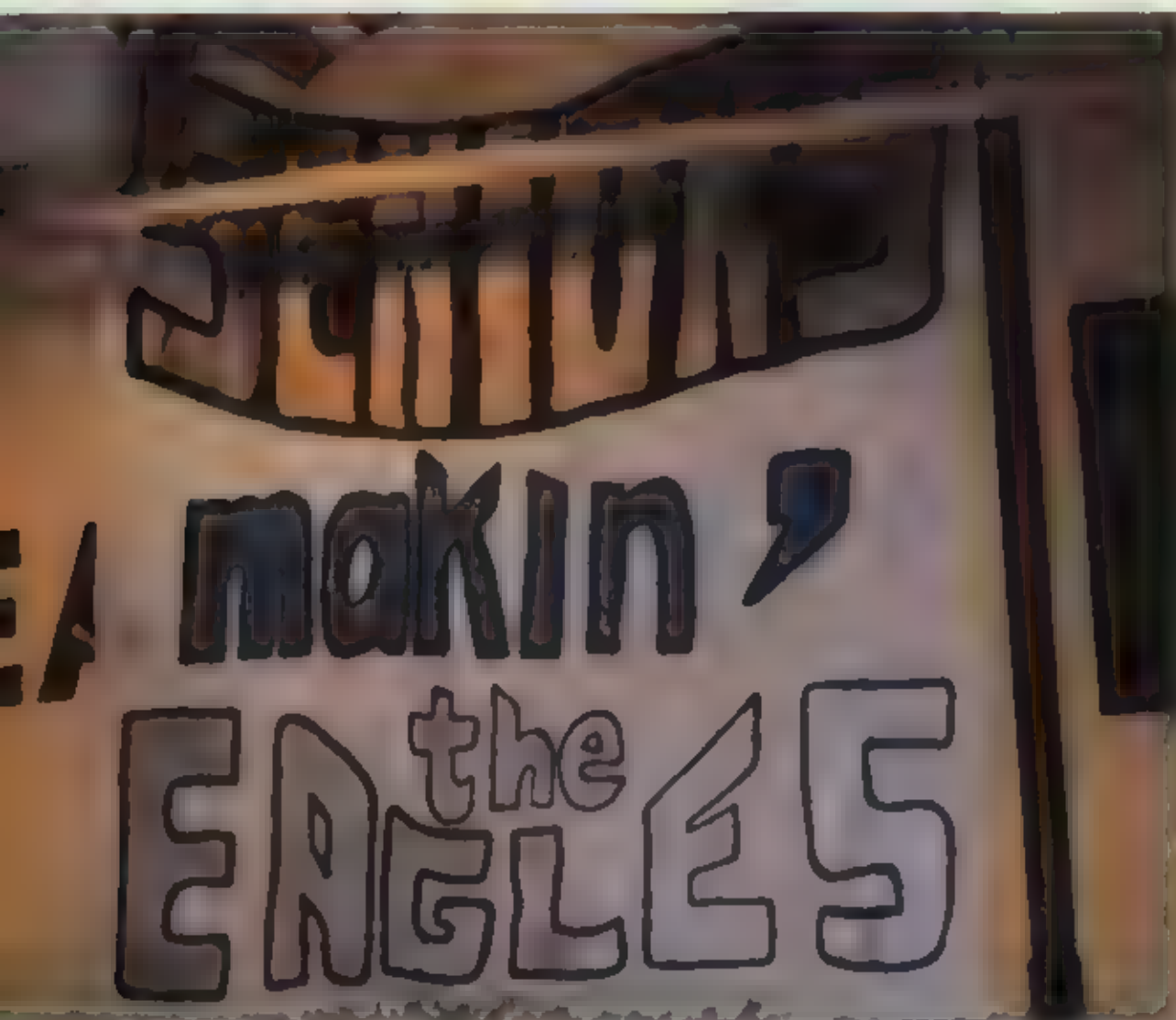
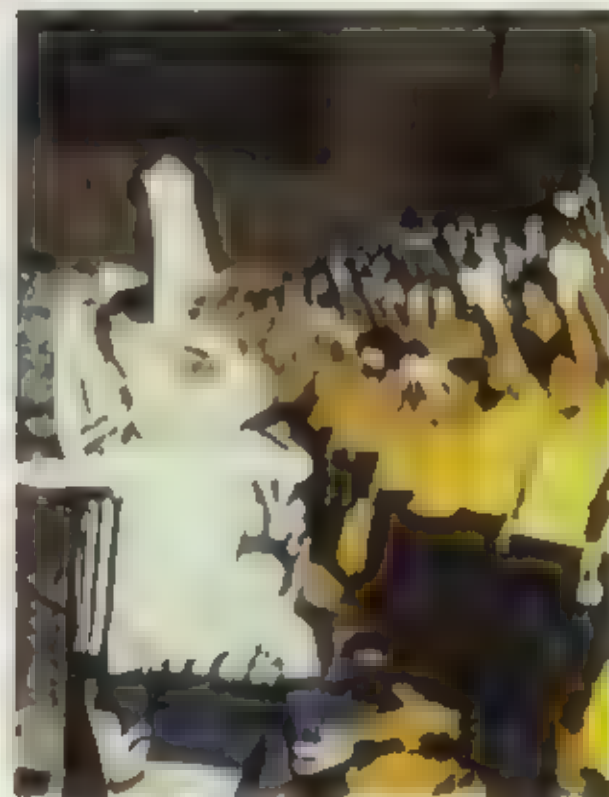


Doing one of her many duties as a cheerleader, Kim Fierce caps to the Eagle music.

Leading the pep rally the night AMS football players  
 steps to the field during the game.



Showing respect to the school song, boys  
 and girls singing and cheering the team with  
 enthusiasm.



Showing their spirit the mighty senior class express  
 their feelings by supporting the number one team.

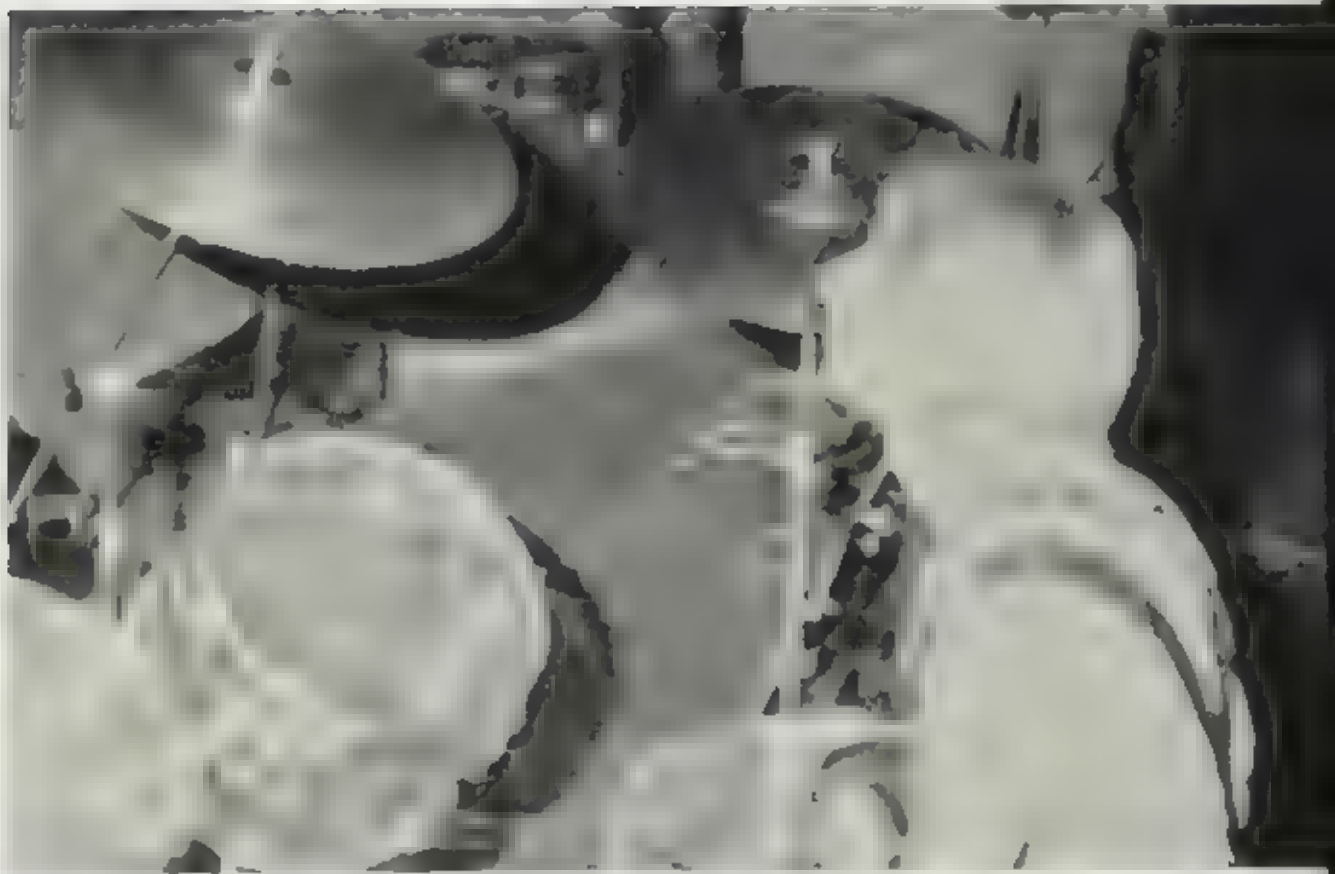
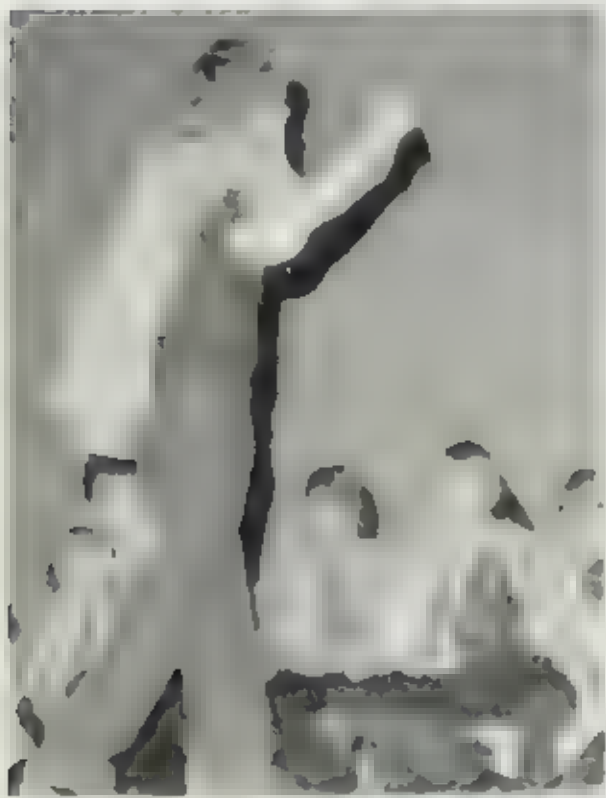


During homecoming senior football players  
 Jimmy Shear and Beth Smith prepare for a  
 victorious night.



Waiting for his cue  
one of many Sing Song entertainers

Winning second in both vocal and instrumental  
was put on her best



Cries of "Doctor, Doctor!" are heard throughout  
the auditorium and he wins compete in the  
contest.



Chosen to serve as hosts and hostesses for Sing Song  
'99 are Mark Hoover, Susan Boyd, Madeline Smith and  
Charles Jones.

Looking over the Sing Song 1979 show, student directors, Alan Woods and Marcus Brecheen discuss plans for the upcoming show.



Directed by Alex Vasquez, the Honor Society meets years following graduation.

## Hours of preparation precede performance

Before its November 1 presentation, many hours of planning and preparation went into making Sing Song 1979 a highlight of Homecoming week. The Ninth Annual Sing Song served as the major competition between sophomores, juniors, and seniors at AHS. "Eagles now and forever" was the theme around which each class and club created their performance.

Chosen to provide entertainment between acts, Charlie Collins, Mark Hoover, Melanie Smith and Susan Boyd served as hosts and hostesses. These four performers were selected among a turnout of approximately twenty students on the day of tryouts. The hosts and hostesses were judged for their outstanding musical talents and attitudes.

Marcus Brecheen and Alan Woods were appointed student directors and assumed responsibility for the order and appearance of the show.

Each separate group rehearsed an average of three times a week, spending many hours in perfecting their acts. Rehearsals took place anywhere from churches, homes, the cafeteria, junior highs, and if they were lucky, the auditorium.

Sing Song 1979 was conducted under the guidance of Mr. Wes Odell who was responsible for such things as a stage band, music, rehearsal times and places, tickets, and much more. Working behind the scene, diligent student council members provided a backstage crew and were accountable for props.

With the cooperation and support of many students and faculty, Sing Song 1979 was made possible.



# EAGLES . . . NOW AND FOREVER

Attending a twenty-year reunion, Sing Song 1979  
by David Ellis

## Sing Song proves a fabulous success

Eagles, now and forever, rang throughout the AMS auditorium as Sing Song 1979 began. This annual musical production directed by students was in preparation nearly two months prior to its final performance. The song books, lyrics, work and practice were soon revealed as each group performed. Spirit, costume, choreography and presentation were the four fundamental divisions in which these groups endeavored to achieve perfection.

Capitalizing first place overall in both vocal and costume were the seniors with their space-age dress and songs of being reunited at a twenty-year reunion in the year 2000. Seniors also won the spirit award as a result of having the most participants. They were followed by the sophomores winning second in both divisions with "Super Sophomores" in club competition. The French club received first place in costume and second in vocal with their demonstration of school days in France. Earning first place in vocal, Bad God reminisced on childhood years while the TEFA was rewarded with second place in the vocal costume category.

All students involved in Sing Song considered it a fun and worthwhile project. Sing Song 1979 proved a fabulous success and was a highlight among the many Homecoming activities.



Before their appearance, senior David Ellis gives audience members a little pep talk.

Entertaining the audience between 1st and 2nd Acts  
 Musical No. 1000 500 1000 500 1000 500



Portraying school days in 1st Act French Club members  
 use their stage talent in a variety of plays



Displaying one of their many talents, Boid Gird  
 appears in a play of childhood years



## Spirits boost during Homecoming week

Who are you going to be?  
Homecoming Queen?

I don't know—decisions, decisions

Selecting a Homecoming Queen wasn't an easy task. Not only did students have to choose three finalists out of the top ten nominees, but also the final decision for Homecoming Queen needed to be made.

Tension and excitement mounted throughout the student body as one by one the events of Homecoming unfolded. On Halloween students promoted Eagle spirit by dressing in various colorful costumes for "Spook San Angelo" day. Horrible masked figures were seen roaming the halls and sitting in classes - some even teaching them.

Friday, as the festive week reached its climax the halls were adorned with school colors. Black and gold streamers hung from wall to wall as well as posters foretelling the results of the upcoming game.

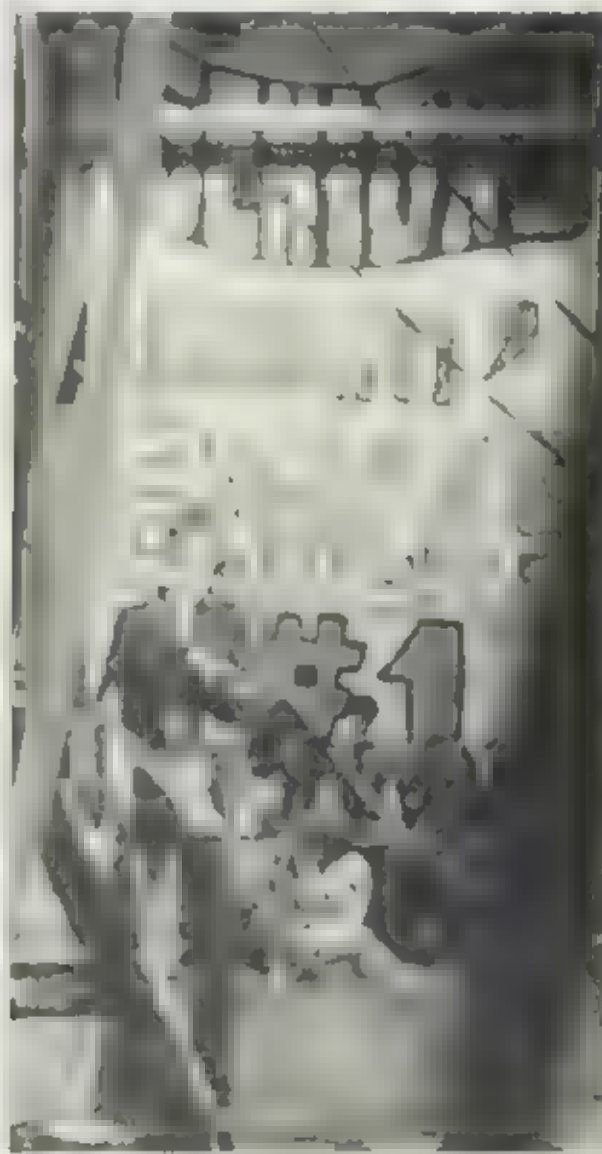
The morning pep rally reflected the true meaning of spirit. Students, alumni, faculty and other Eagle fans played a key role in creating one of the most vibrant pep rallies of the year. Unity and participation were assets to the encouragement of victory. A hush fell upon the crowd as the announcers stepped forward to name the Homecoming Queen finalists. The crowd responded enthusiastically as each name was called. The students left the pep rally anxiously awaiting halftime of the night's game to find out who the 1979 Homecoming Queen would be.



Packing the gym, juniors and seniors energetically participate in boosting their team to another victory.



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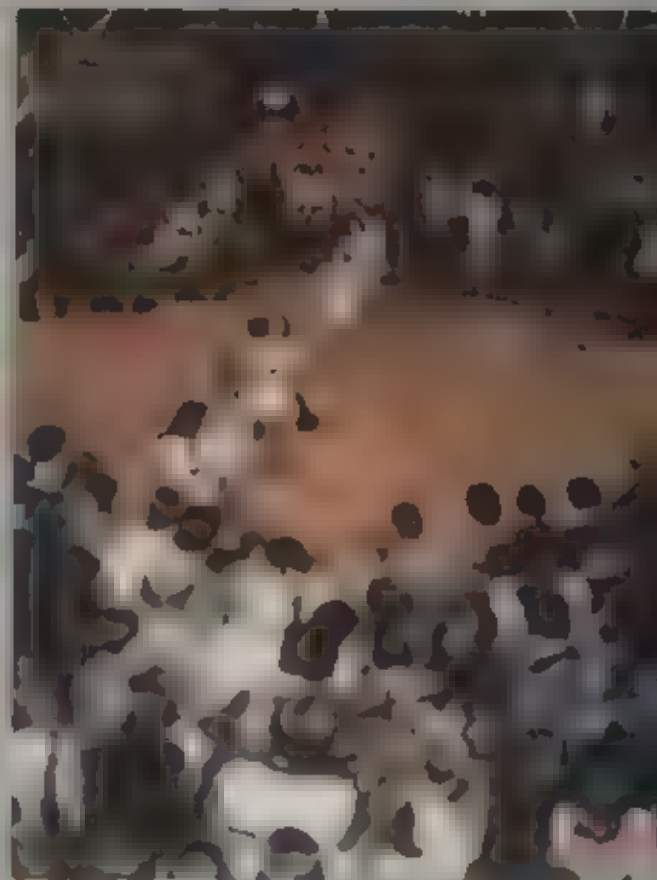
Abilene High ex, Phil Boone, adds encouragement  
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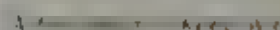
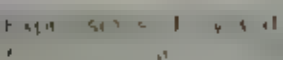
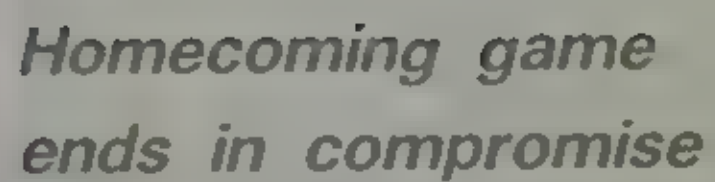
Homescoming to the Fraser Valley

Photo by [illegible]



A crowded get-together

Photo by [illegible]





## Weekends involve varying interests

As the weekend rolled around, important engagements were being planned. Dating played a main event in the growing years of students at AHS. Gas caused a big problem for some and other things such as higher prices at movie theaters hindered what was once a fairly unimpeded activity. However, a Friday evening could have consisted of a movie and possibly a meal at a restaurant despite the costs.

Students soon found out that driving back and forth on North First was more expensive than the year before which

caused the trend of parking in business parking lots after closing to socialize.

The next best thing to doing out was talking on the telephone. Also during the open break at school, students took time out to talk about their different encounters in the past weekend.

Between fifteen and twenty dollars was spent per date. Going out on both Friday and Saturday proved to be a bit expensive. So as the night came to an end, wallets were emptied, but memories were fresh in their minds of an evening well spent.



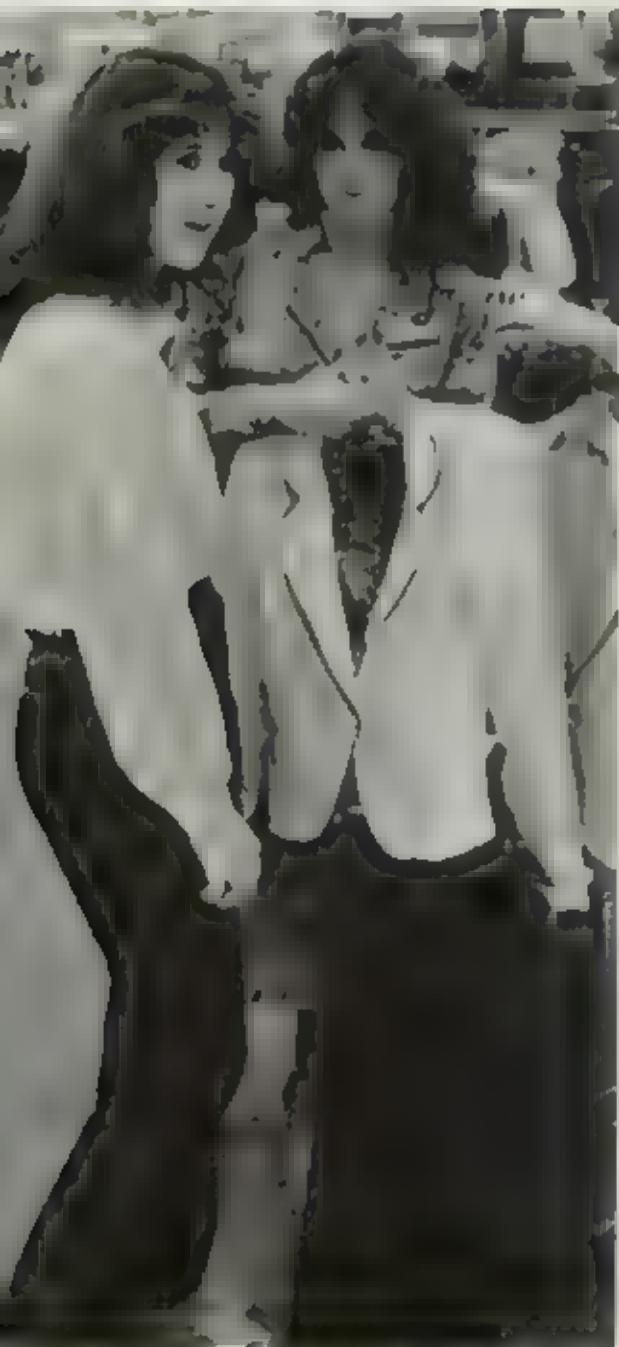
Trying to explain his situation, Woody Payton and Teresa Barnhart are caught in a jam.

During the lazy weekend hours, Denise Mayhall pursues her talent for painting.





Talking with her parrot "Pete" Miss Karen Staulzenberger spends a quiet weekend at home.



Being assisted by Diane Greer, Lisa Wheeler enjoys weekend of shopping.

Enjoying a taste of disco Eileen Greever and Cathy Carson get down at the disco.





## Christmas: a season to remember

their calendars were as full as  
the past. Their plans to  
had faded once it was  
Christmas.

Christmas  
the home making department  
members decorated a tree  
and Concert Choir members

as at the  
in countdown to Christmas  
Students had the spirit of giving their hearts  
and money in their pockets. They set out to  
find the perfect gift for friends and relatives.  
Many of the students at AHS felt the festive  
mood, if not the Christmas spirit itself.



Displaying the spirit of Christmas, a wooden ornament  
in to school.



Shining brightly, the Christmas star reminds us of the  
*peace and joy*

Dancing lights and beautiful trees help to make



Enjoying a kiss under the mistletoe. Mr.  
 and Mrs. [Name] bring the Christmas spirit with the help  
 of the [Name] and Dorothy McFarland





## Clubs, fashions go hand in hand

Along with classes, dates, jobs, homework, and goofing off, many Abilene High students made time for clubs. Many different types of clubs were active on campus. The German, French, and Latin clubs dealt primarily with student's further advancement in a particular foreign language.

The Exchange Club consisted of students wishing to "swap places" with another club during the year. The club offered many fund raising projects in preparation for the exchange trip. With approximately thirty members, the Key Club took an active role in many social and civic projects. The club's annual homecoming mum sale along with the dance after the game combined to be one of its biggest money makers.

As one could see, there were many club activities where any student could participate. Each club had a sense of unity and pride in the fact that it was associated with AHS.

Students found that equally important to activity was style. Fashions tended to change as quickly as West Texas weather. From the casual look of clogs and corduroys, to the sophisticated air of textured hose and slit skirts, one soon became lost in a maze of style.

As the year progressed, students fought to look their best and to stay on top of the rising world of fashion.



Adding a new dimension to women's fashions, Jerry Alan Woods, Wes Gorman, and Ed...

Modeling a current women's fashion, Miss Kay...





Selling Homecoming mums for the Homecoming Committee.



Dancing to music of my school says the French club.

Becoming involved in club activities is important to these A. C. High students as they prepare for the future.



Doing one of her duties at T.G. & E. Rosie Aguirre prepares the clothes to sewing.

Assisting a customer, Kathy McAuliffe lends a helping hand.



Among the variety of jobs in Abilene, Gary House finds Chick-fil-e a sufficient job.



Taking time off from the regular routine, Sandra Sanchez shows one of her artistic talents.

Working in an office can be rather hectic, as Melody Carson files another stack of papers

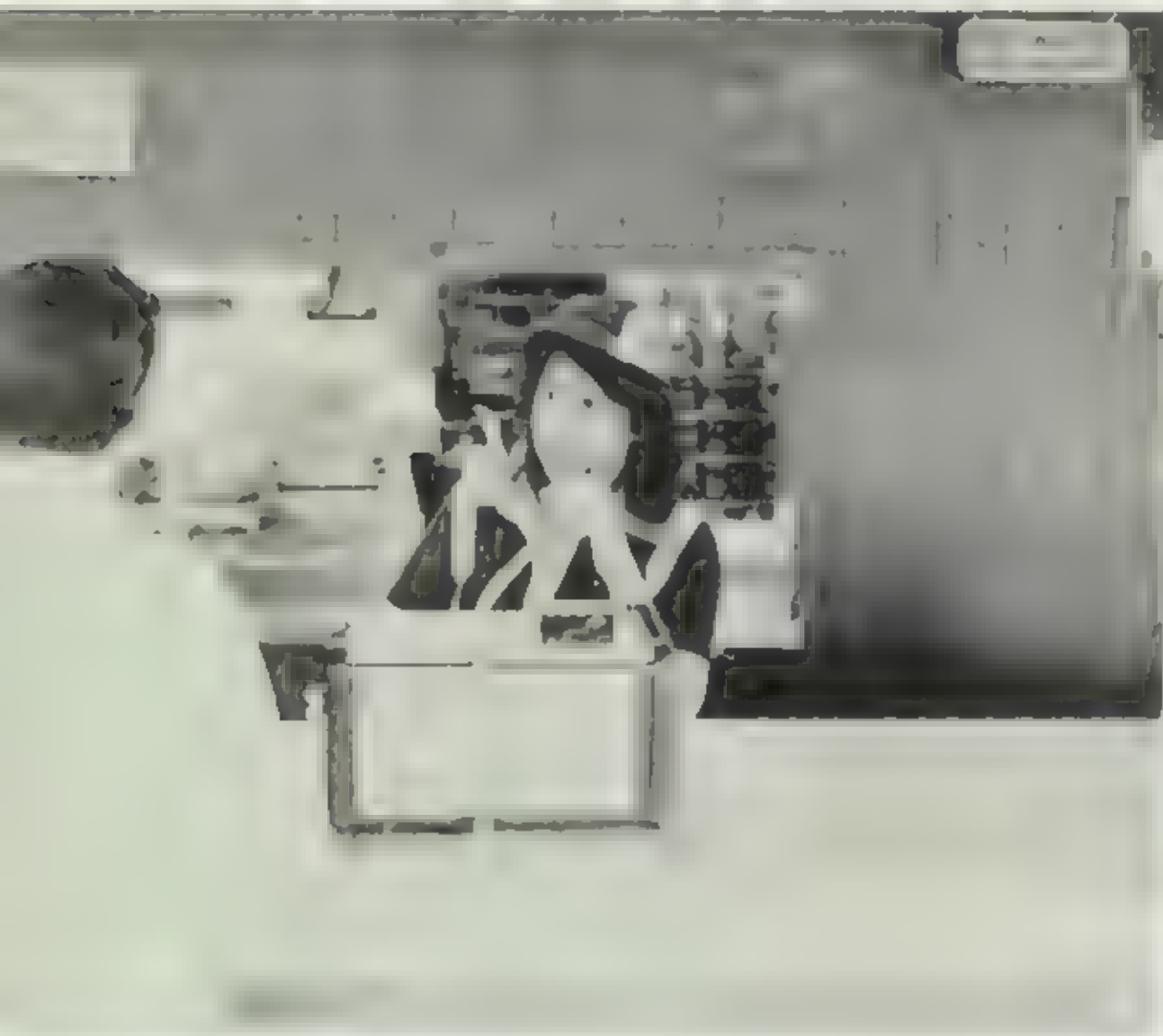


## Extra hours pay off for students at AHS

Work, work, work!!! Many AHS students for some reason or another spent one third or more of their day at work. Jobs ranged anywhere from restaurants to auto/mechanics, depending on one's taste.

VOE and OEA were sizable organizations in which students were allowed to participate in half-day work programs. These programs provided excellent opportunities for those planning to attend a technical school or pursuing careers without a college education. Going to school in the mornings and to work in the afternoons also permitted students valuable study time at night. Unlike those with work permits, students who went to school all day and worked all night were often deprived of their desired leisure time.

Of course, money was the main objective of having a job. Students found that in order to support and continue their various hobbies and activities, work was a necessity. Car payments, and maintenance were popular money-eating projects not to mention the ability to keep up with the soaring price of gas. In the long run, many felt that the efforts put forth in time-consuming jobs proved worthwhile because spending money was a favorite pastime of everyone.



Working another order, Alice Seguin prepares the meal to the customer's specifications



Ring up another sale, Kerri Persch totals the price





Pausing in their back yard, the dog is looking at the camera.

Spending a special moment with the dog.



Showing his talents in drawing, John Heslep displays his  
drawing design



## ***Talents express distinctive hobbies***

Abilene High students found many ways to express themselves. They showed people their creative imagination by collecting stamps, sewing, and other various handiworks and hobbies.

For many students, weekends were the most enjoyable times to work on a hobby. Hobbies allowed the student to express his talents and abilities.

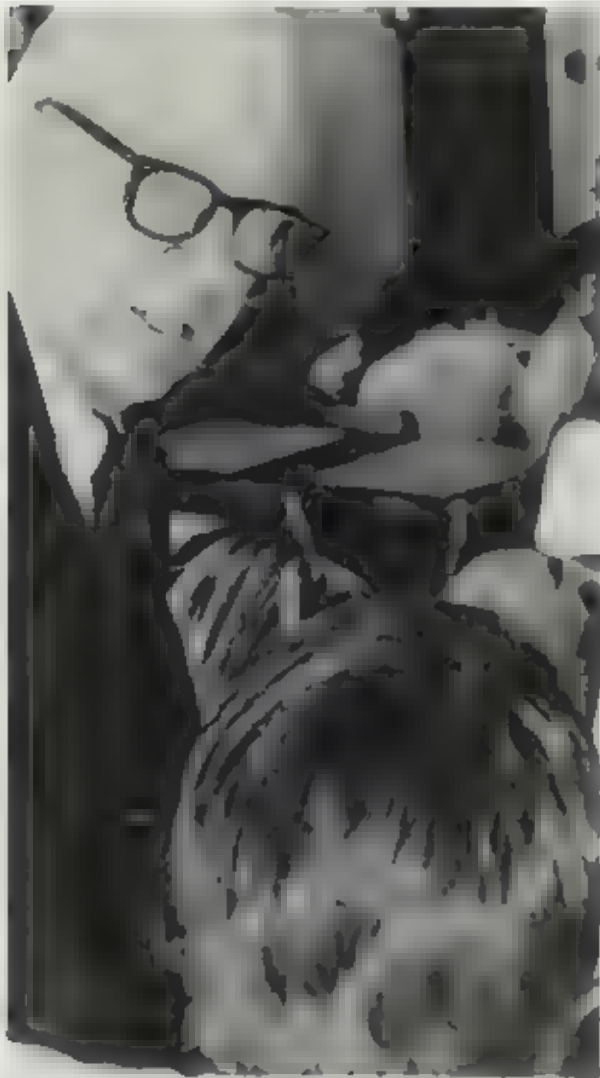
Hobbies, like fashions, changed through the months. They became more original and exciting. Students entered contests to compete with others. The most popular hobbies ranged from skiing to roller skating, and from chess to disco. Hobbies greatly reflected a student's personality. Whether the hobby involved drawing, skateboarding, or playing an instrument, it filled a void in the student's life. Each person found that their hobbies challenged their imagination and brought to them a feeling of accomplishment.



Having fun on a class trip, Rhonda Gillis experiences  
ice skating

Showing off her hand painted nails, Jenny Davis  
displays one of her favorite hobbies

Always ready to help, Mr. Lambdin tries to gently  
to explain a perplexing Algebraic equation.



Puzzled by the last statement, the entire class asks  
their [unclear] question, the last [unclear] [unclear]

Constantly intrigued, Tammy Coppedges [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] the [unclear] [unclear]





Enjoying lunch during costume day Lupe Tonche takes a break from all of the excitement



## Lunch: welcomed break in a hectic day

"I don't want to go to school this morning." This statement was heard by mothers all over town as hundreds of AHS students awoke to face a new day.

Rolling out of bed was the hard part of the early morning routine, but from that point on it was all downhill. A shower came next, and if you were lucky the hot water wouldn't run out before you were finished. As the morning dragged onward, students primped and prepared themselves for the hectic day that followed.

As the time crept closer to 8:20, more and more students began to appear on campus. When the first bell rang they slowly milled their way into the buildings to discuss exciting events that had come their way. All of a sudden, one minute before the tardy bell rang, everyone began running and shuffling to their first period classes.

Once in the classroom, the well-known voice of Dean Nichols came over the P.A. "Good morning students, may I have your attention for the announcements." After this climax of the morning, the day

progressed monotonously, only occasionally broken by a pep rally or some other assembly.

As the morning edged closer to lunch many strange noises could be heard coming from many of the students' stomachs. When the lunch bell finally rang, a stampede of students made their way down the halls and into the lunch lines. Looking over that which was offered, AHS students pulled out their money reluctantly to pay for the meal. But most people didn't gripe about the food because they knew that a better or more nutritious meal could not be found for only 75 cents.

Eating to the music of KAHS, Abilene High students talked about the interesting things that had happened to them in the morning as lunch provided a well-deserved break in a student's active day.



The lunchroom was more than an eating hall as Thomas Tekut works on his English assignment



Daniel Villareal relaxes at lunchtime, thinking of the days past events

## Lunch, afternoon provide welcomed relief

*Lunchtime!* This was usually considered the midday break for the more exciting half of the day. This was a chance to relax, goof-off, and visit with friends.

The afternoon classes tended to sometimes drag by as students day-dreamed about activities planned after school or that evening. But at last, the final bell rang and the stampede out to the parking lot or to the bus let every passer-by know that school was out!

For some relaxation awaited the end of the school day. A trip to the park, or a time to dissolve in front of the TV was usually looked forward to as a change from the school day. However, there was a

large number of students who simply fell into a pattern of work at a fast-food joint or elsewhere. Others felt the heavy weight of books and supplies in their arms as they prepared to hit the books and do their homework.

Athletes usually spent toiling hours working out after school into dusk preparing for meeting their opponents in games or meets. Their labors included lifting weights, running and stretching out, not to mention the actual practicing of their sports.

The lives of students were busy with many activities all through the day seven days a week.

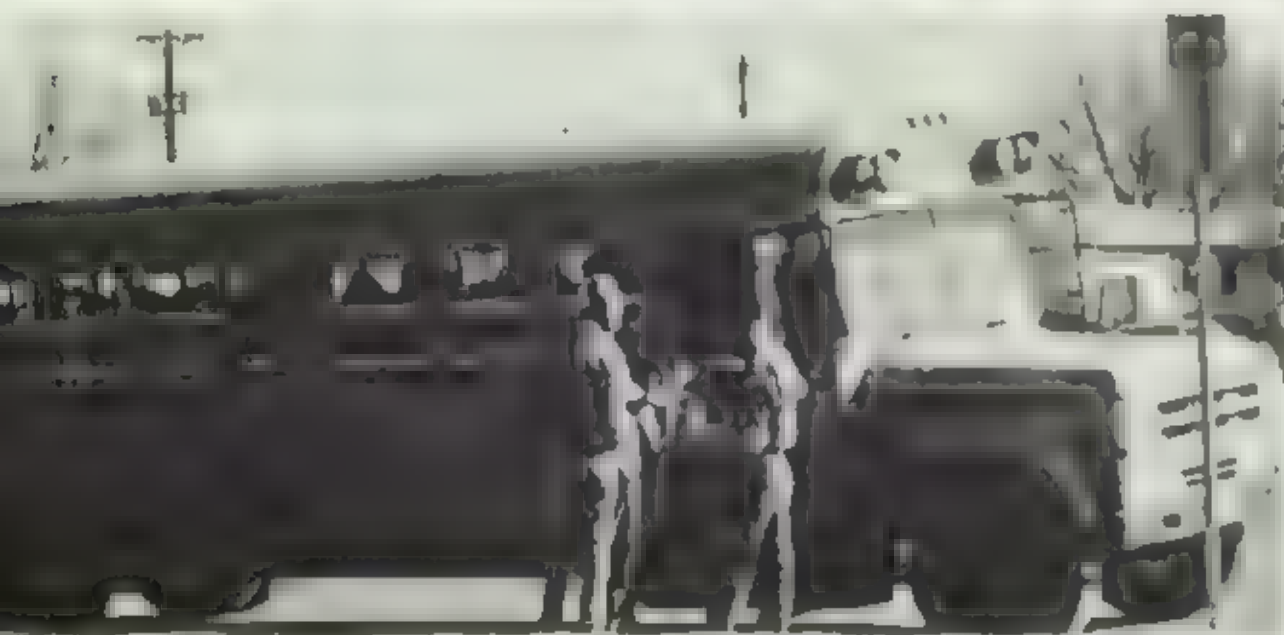
*Relaxing after school at Cobb Park, Carne Thorne takes pictures of the scenery while Steve Scales munches out.*



Waiting for Sandra Sanchez is more work at a nearby Burger King



Unfortunately, school work often turns into the night's activities for many AHS students



Entering the school bus, students get even closer to the afternoon's activities



Rushing through the last hour of the day, Mr. Keys class finishes up their assignment



Practicing from seventh period on into dusk the swim team prepares to meet its opponents



Showing his strength — Harkin carries Denise Hudson

Showing off after a quiet day with a school  
T — how people — de into the sunset



One of the many facets of student life is enjoyed by  
Drug Jones during class



Spending the lunch hour in the parking lot a group  
students talk about the morning's happenings

Spending time away from the regular school routine, Greg Lemond shows off his skills at frisbee throw.



## Parking lot is "home away from home"

One of the most familiar and popular sights at AHS was "ye olde parking lot." A wide variety of activities allowed students to relax and "break away" from a day's busy schedule at school.

During class hours, the nice, peaceful parking lot seemed an inviting place to be; however, during lunch and after school it was a different story. It brought a whole new meaning to a "Big Mac" attack! Careful not to waste a minute of their lunch hour, students rapidly filled the parking lot just as soon as the bell rang. Usually there was about a five-minute traffic jam at each parking lot exit at the start of both lunches. Most of the time, since everyone was in such a hurry to get out, the spot more resembled the "Indy 500" rather than the

AHS parking lot!

Playing football and throwing frisbees were also favorite parking lot pastimes. Many students participated in these activities as well as watched them. Music could always be heard throughout the parking lot before school, during lunch, and after school. One could be assured of some kind of sound, whether it be hard rock, country and western, or disco's latest hits. The majority of students found that the louder the music was, the better the beat was! Also during lunch, students found time to complete last minute homework or cram for a major test.

With frisbees, traffic jams, music, and friendships the AHS parking lot was truly an exciting place to be.



Taking a break, Traci Parsons prepares to leave for a delicious lunch.

Preparing for another day at school, Patty Etter, Mark Hudson, and Beth Denny walk away from the parking lot.

## Assemblies bring morning break

Words had a special meaning at Abilene High. The word 'assembly' had a magical effect on the student body. When Dean Nichols announced a paid assembly, no price was too high to get out of class. The school could have featured just about any kind of entertainment and the auditorium would have been packed. Most students would have done anything to keep from dissecting a frog or taking the rumored English pop test.

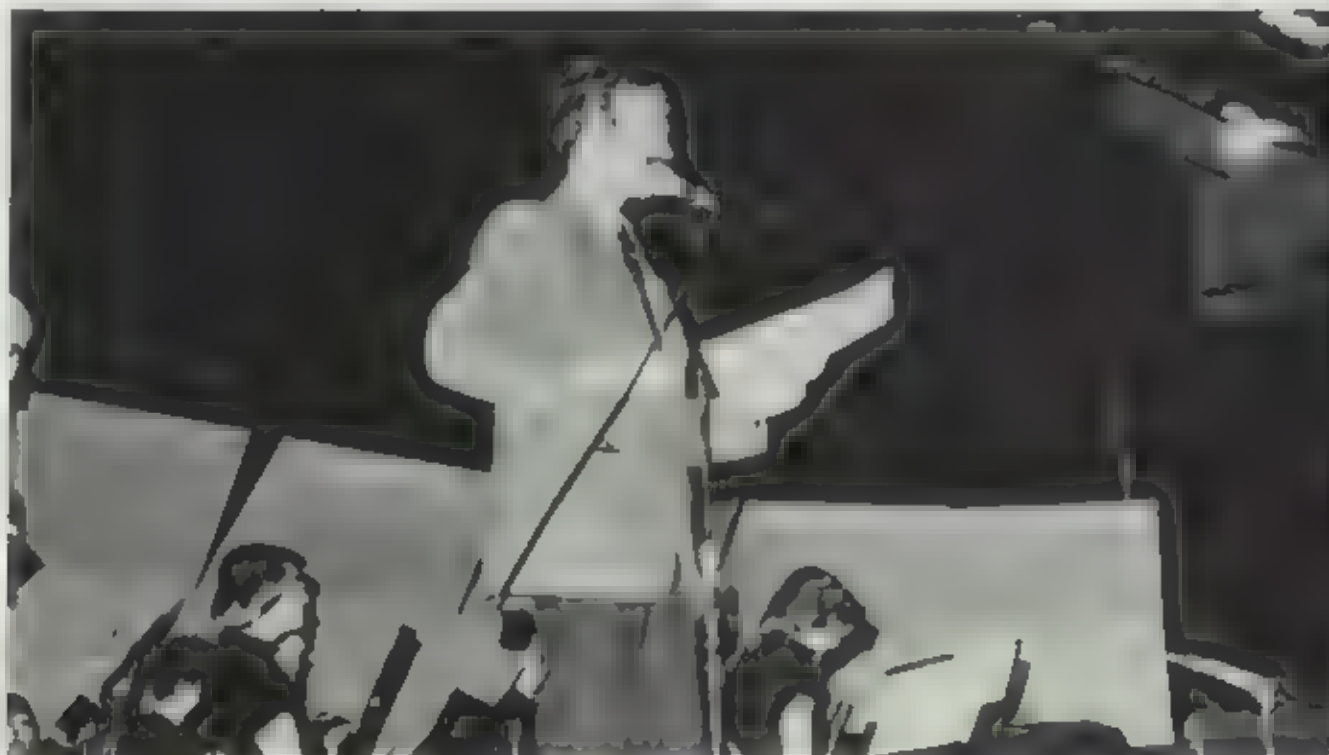
Abilene High hosted a variety of assemblies during the 1979-1980 school year. Students and faculty alike were entertained by such groups as "Jazzmine", "High Wire" and the Texas Tech Band. Groups such as "Abyss" and "Harmony" originated at AHS.

Besides getting out of class, assemblies provided a time for students to come together as a student body. As gossip was exchanged and jokes were told, a sense of unity was evident to students and faculty alike. Assemblies did indeed prove to be special, not wasted time for all Eagles.

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Playing and singing to a rock beat is Marvin Leavelle of High Wire.

Waiting for the crowd to clear, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Duvall exchange comments in the auditorium.



Touring West Texas is the spring project of the Texas Tech Band.





Setting the stage for the Abilene High audience is "Jazmine"

Bringing the Easter spirit to Abilene High were "His Singers" from Abilene Christian University



Dancing to country music during the "Macho Man" assembly is Cynthia Willis and Brett Whittaker

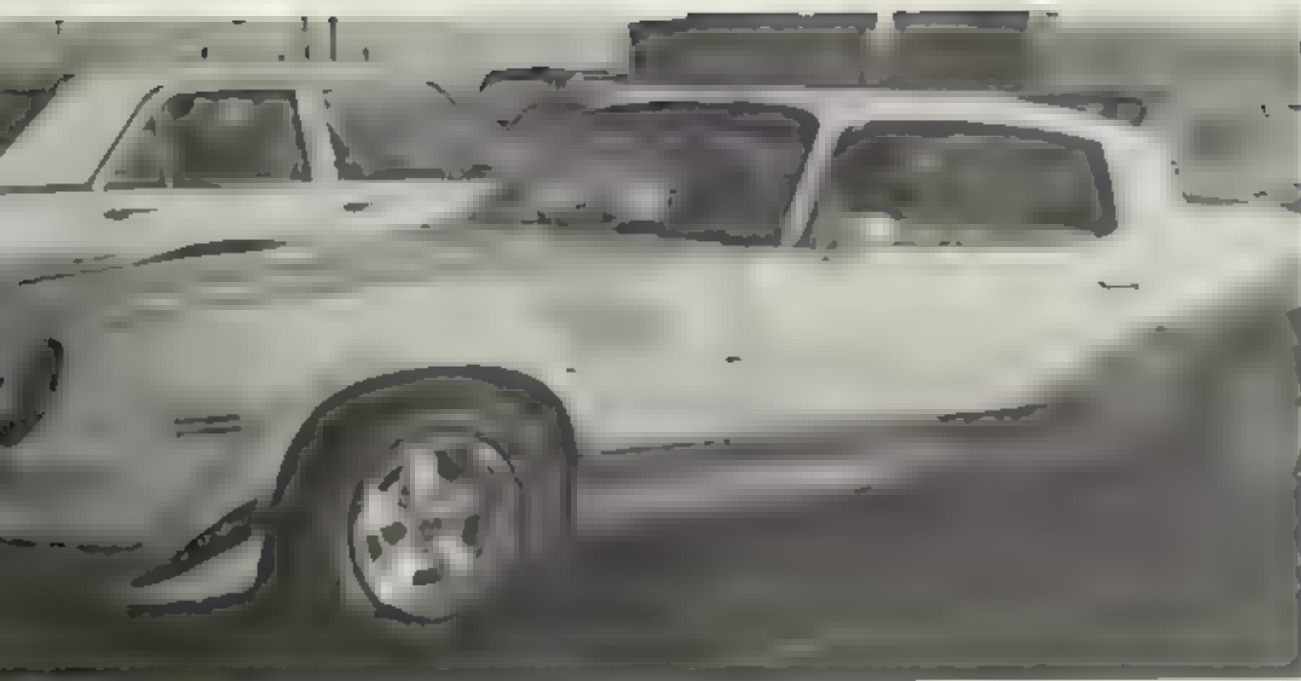




Meeting with friends at Sonic, Donna Williams, John Chaik and Carolyn Sol sit in the back and watch Tim Dickenson gracefully climb around the car



Making a move on the lady in the STAR TREK, Jimmy Pogue smiles at the thought of shaving his head too



With the turn of the decade, new models of cars hit the scene at Abilene High, such as Z-28's

Enjoying his free time in the LRC, Gary Shake reads one of his favorite magazines



Listening to the new sounds of 1980, Shane Gravens spends the last few moments of his lunch hour in the LRC



## New trends affect students' tastes

Rolling into the new decade, students at Abilene High found many new things climbing into the Top Ten charts. There were the charts for music, for movies, for recreation, for magazines, and for cars.

Disco was still around, yet rock and easy listening were becoming the trend and some students prophesied the end of disco would be coming soon. (i.e. "Disco Sucks!!")

Movies,, especially for Abilene's unabounding possibilities for entertainment, were usually critiqued by the students, as most saw a handful of them in a month. Many kids saw STAR TREK, THE JERK, KRAMER VS. KRAMER, AND ALL THAT JAZZ among others.

Cruising and meeting friends at the

Sonic was always popular with high school students as a form of recreation. Oftentimes, the weekend was looked forward to for just that reason.

Popular magazines included TIME, SEVENTEEN, and ROLLING STONE. The Learning Resource Center provided these magazines and many others for students to read during their spare time, which added to their popularity.

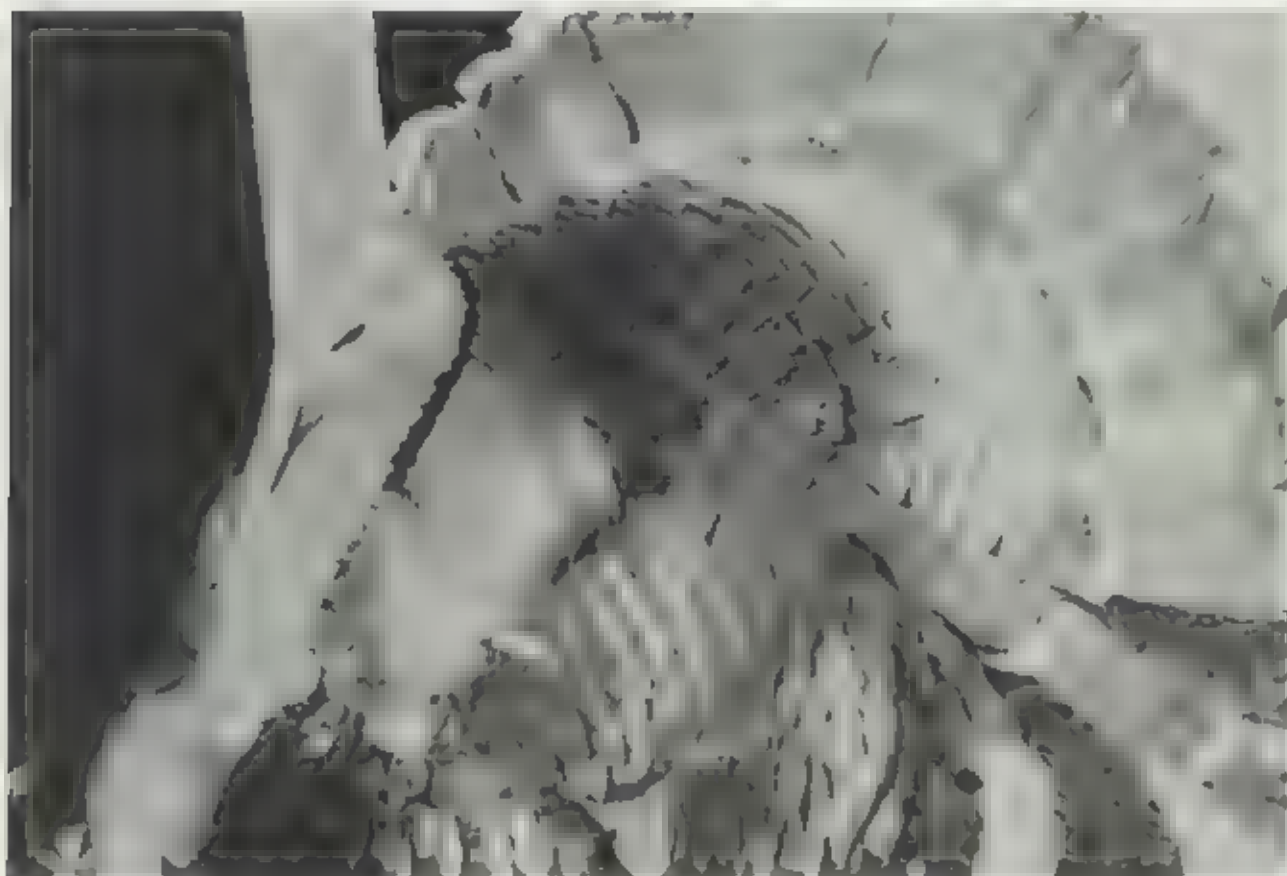
Sports cars such as Z-28's, Trans-Ams X-R 7's, and Corvettes hit the parking lot with the more easily accessible VW's Toyotas, and run-of-the-mill klunkers.

All in all, students had a montage of things to choose from to fill their already full lives.



Stopping for a rest Ann Gatta and Denise Head deliver a Thanksgiving box of food to the stage

Displaying a worried look this turkey senses Thanksgiving is the air



Too late to worry this turkey provided a scrumptious meal for a hungry family

Taking an active part in the pep rally Mr. Abernathy surrounds himself with a hoard of seniors

submitting himself in a pep rally, Coach Johnson is the victim of a skit by the cheerleaders

Explaining an intricate chemistry procedure, Dr. Townsend demonstrates to Billy Patterson the proper method to achieve desired results



## Thanksgiving and faculty ease pace

A golden turkey, garnished with dressing, accompanied by cranberry sauce along with a sense of giving, surrounded the Thanksgiving holidays for AHS students.

The activities held on campus also added to the atmosphere of the annual tradition. At an assembly, AHS students showed that they knew the true meaning of Thanksgiving when each homeroom presented a box full of canned goods to those who were less fortunate. These boxes were placed on the stage while the band and orchestra performed. The foods were later distributed by the Student Council.

But amidst all of the gifts and foods, AHS students were too busy studying for exams to really take time to enjoy the holidays. First trimester exams came immediately after students returned from the well deserved rest.

Throughout the cramming, ulcers, and headaches, Thanksgiving was a welcomed relief and was enjoyed by the students and administrators both.

### STUDENT TEACHER RELATIONSHIPS

Special bonds were formed between the students and teachers at Abilene High. Whether in an assembly, pep rally, or even in the classroom, an informal atmosphere developed among the teachers and students of Abilene High.

The faculty served as more than instructors. Many teachers became very active in student activities ranging from Sing Song to Senior Radio Day. They were inspirations as well as advisors to the students of Abilene High.

On the other hand, the teachers and administration were basically interested in whether or not AHS students received a good education. Whenever a student was totally perplexed, the teachers were always ready to lend a helping hand and answer any questions asked by a student.

Abilene High was a place of both education and enjoyment, greatly due to the many concerned teachers who took an active part in the life of the students of AHS.



## Traditional rivalry true still

Army-Navy, Yankees-Red Sox, Democrats-Republicans, Abilene High-Cooper . . . Abilene High and Cooper? All of the above are famous rivalries, but none were as heated to the people of Abilene as the Abilene High-Cooper rivalry. This battle had been raging since Cooper became the second high school in Abilene. The upstarts on the south side of town have always thought they were bigger and better at everything for a long time. But at Abilene High, football isn't everything. AHS and CHS competed with each other in many things ranging from tennis to scholastics and choir to track.

Winning or losing was not as important a factor as the competition itself. Both schools thrived on competition with their cross-town rival. Although the competition kept most students involved, many close friends and lifetime memories were made as a result of our relationship with Cooper High School.



Guarding the field house during the week of the Cooper game, varsity players Nicky Watts, Joe Pridemore and Tony Bebiowski stay alert





After the games are over and the crowds are gone, the Shotwell Stadium sign stands as a reminder of memorable competition

Shaking hands after a tough match are Jimmy Pogue and Alan Smith from Abilene High, and Victor Test and Mark Elledge from Cooper



Struggling to get along despite schools are Joe Forders of Cooper and Francie Ford of Abilene High



As the cougar pursues the eagle, the eagle soars above and eludes it

## Eagle Revue goes out with a bang

On Saturday, May 17, the doors to the Abilene High Auditorium were closed to Eagle Revue for the last time. After eight years of outstanding shows, the final one proved to be the finest. Students rehearsed for twelve weeks memorizing songs, learning choreography, and making costumes. Mr. Danny Hood, AHS choral director, worked all three trimesters designing sets, costumes, and musical segments. "Fiddler on the Roof" and "My Fair Lady" were the two main segments of the show. Concert Choir members did an excellent job in portraying the characters of these two contrasting musicals.

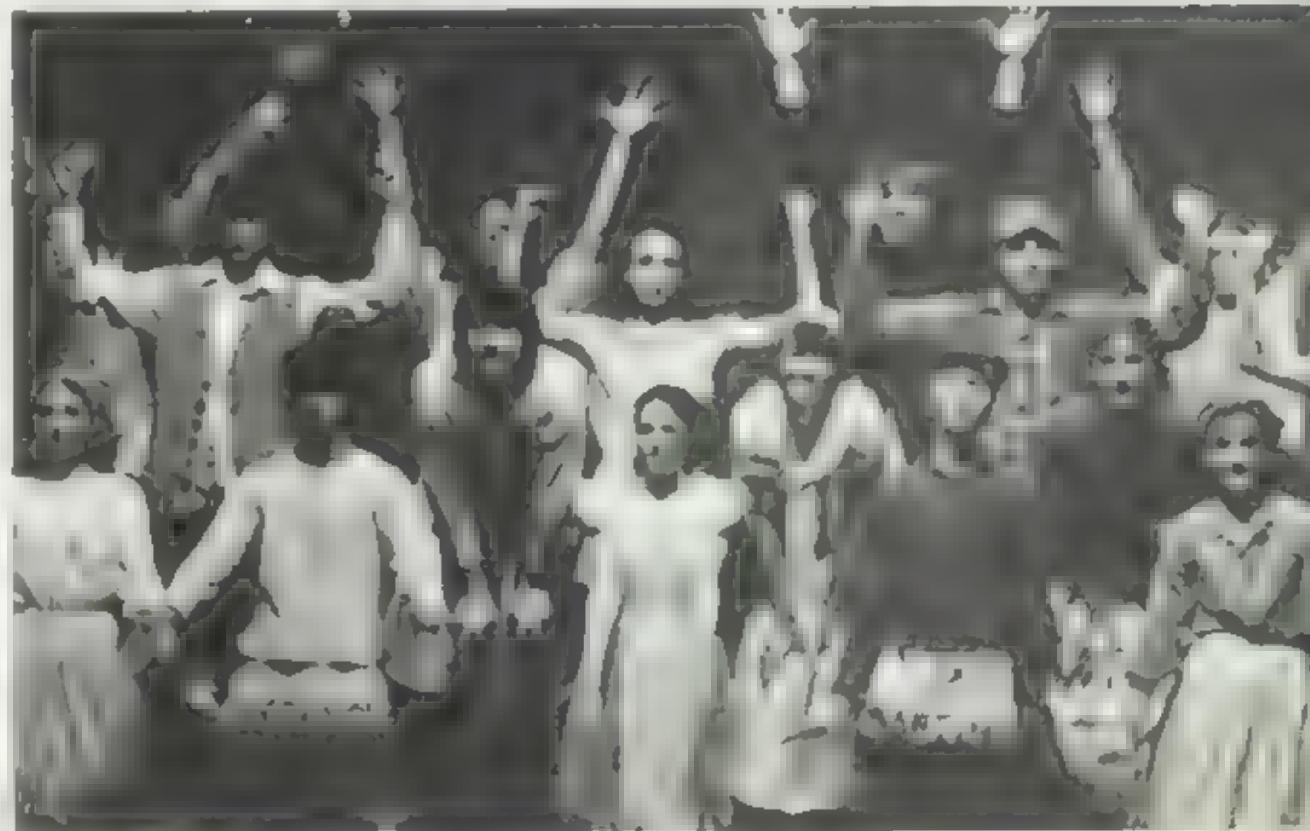
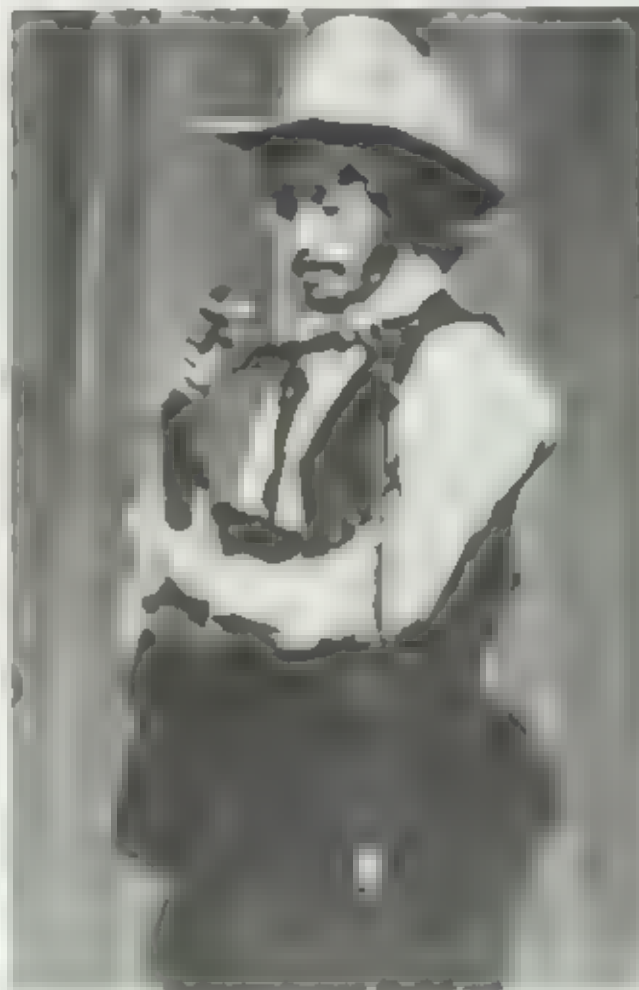
In between acts were made up of various and often hidden talents. Solos featured were: "Chalanooga Choo Choo" sung by Cynthia Rosser, and "Ships" by Greg Henderson. Tony Wilson portrayed an exuberant preacher infatuated with Little Bo Peep. Charlie Collins and Joanna Crawford sang a duet to "Born Again" as did Laura Craig and Penny Gragg to "Touch Me in the Morning" and "The Way We Were." Quartets gave a little bit of added

Dreaming of how life would be with a little bit of... Joe Mitchell, Freddy Velasquez, Glenn Grant, and Richard Bradford sing "Wouldn't It Be Lovely."

excitement to tunes such as "Freeze a Yankee" and "Jump Shout Boogie." Other groups featured were the men's Barbershop Chorus, Harmony, the Bel Canto group, and the AHS stage band.

Eagle Revue '80 was indeed the best ever bringing in record audiences each show night. The student body and teachers enjoyed the special assemblies of Eagle Revue provided by the choral department. Although Eagle Revue proved to be a lot of hard work on the part of many people, it was a great success and would be long remembered at Abilene High School.

"Tradition!" not only speaks for "Fiddler on the Roof," but also for the ritual of Eagle Revue.





Being a feature soloist of Eagle Revue 80, Penny Gragg performs one of her ma

Demonstrating the air-conditioning



Imitating the Andrews sisters  
 The Andrews Sisters  
 The Andrews Sisters





Filing out after the Baccalaureate service, Dana Ma Johnson and Pat Harger are seen talking to friends and family in the foyer of the school.

Addressing invitation after invitation, Jess R. Jones asks for a pause to take a break.

## Prelude to finale hectic, eventful

Many seniors quickly discovered that graduation involved more than just wearing a cap, a gown, and a smile. The many activities in which to participate and obligations of the graduate kept AHS seniors on their toes. Although preparation for graduation began early in the year, the majority of senior activities were saved until May, the busiest month of the school year.

Such events as the productions of Senior Fables and choir's Eagle Revue, the senior picnic at the Abilene State Park, and the seniors' trip to Six Flags were a few of the most time-consuming activities nearing the close of school. Besides the extras, school and homework was still a necessity, and exams were crammed into the schedule for the 26th and 27th. Along with activities and school work, actual preparations for graduation were also in the making. "How many invitations are you ordering?" or "Are you getting one tassel or two?" were familiar questions made by seniors while wrapping up the final arrangements for graduation. A few seniors found that ordering and mailing invitations was no simple task. Cap and gown measurements were taken and they arrived two weeks prior to graduation.

The graduating class of 1980 was privileged to have Mr. David Lewis, youth minister at Highland Church of Christ, to speak at the Baccalaureate service. As Mr. Lomax pointed out, Mr. Lewis gave one of the finest speeches in Abilene High's history.

With everything happening at once, the 481 seniors had more than enough to keep them busy—a word most readily used to describe them throughout the '79-'80 school year.

Demonstrating the proper method of measuring for cap and gown, salesman Larry Cornutt fits the tape around Pat Stokes' head.



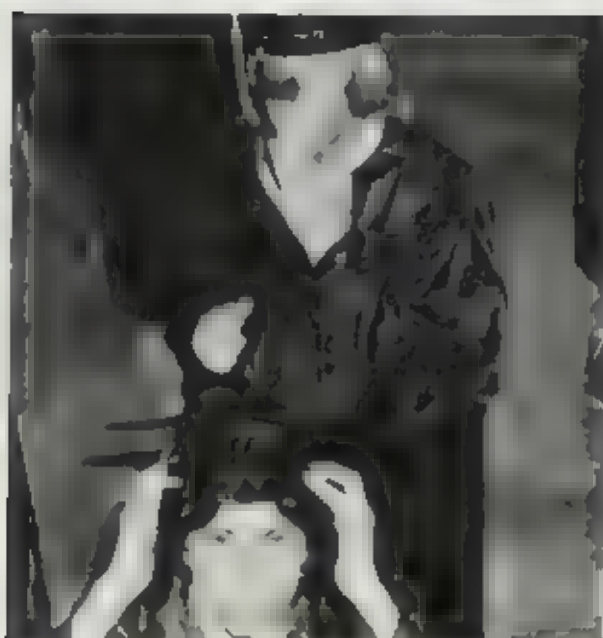


Back Row: deli Bradshaw, Mark Hoover, Kevin Hargeshiemer, Carrie Blondeau, Kim Steele, Darla Hammons, Joy Harden. Middle row: Scott Orr, David Wolfe, Wesley Gorman. Front row: Mayhall, Penny Gragg, Vickie Hood, Trena Deatherage.

Impatience and anxiety dominate the tidgity as they wait to go out for the Baccalaureate service at the Civic Center.

On her way Diana Butler is greeted by Mr. Lynn Mendelsohn, assistant principal.

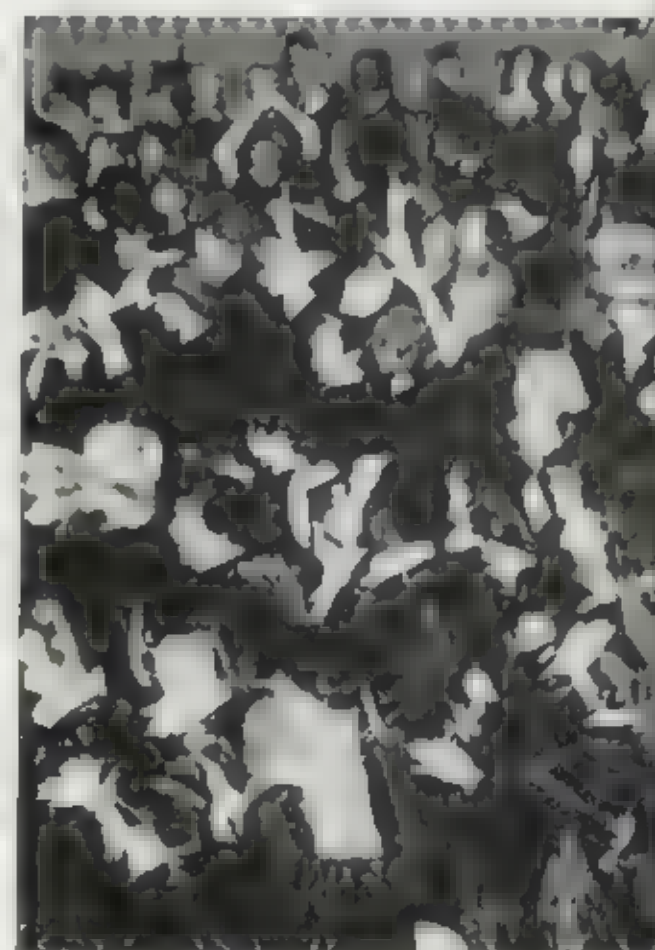
Anticipation is felt by senior Daniel Anderson as Miss Fricker assists and Mr. Buster Mauney calls out the names.



Making final adjustments to hat and nose, Jodi Hicks and Jerry Hubbard head to their proper place in the backstage.



Resting her tired feet for a brief moment, Sarah McMillan is caught with feelings of excitement radiating from her face.





Speaking on the Importance of education, Greg Carter, Salutatorian, addressed his senior peers and guests.



Passing out roses to her friends, Leigh Ann Manis, a member of the Senior Class.



## The End comes abruptly for 481

Well it finally came, the day I have been anxiously awaiting for the last twelve years of my life—graduation. It was hard to believe that my entire high school career would end within the next twenty-four hours. As the day progressed, friends and relatives arrived at my house bringing various gifts and best wishes. My parents gave me a set of luggage. (Were they trying to tell me something?)

As evening drew near, I hurriedly prepared myself for the big night ahead. Making last-minute adjustments to my gown, I ironed out the wrinkles and attempted to tape the collar on. After unsuccessfully doing so, I resorted to needle and thread. I showered, washed and curled my hair, and put on my new dress. I wondered how anyone would see it since I was wearing the gown over it.

After arriving at the coliseum, I went straight to the bathroom to pin on my cap, which was two sizes too big! I tried to make my hair look half-way presentable under the awkward cap, then went backstage to meet my fellow graduates. It was there that I received my yellow rose, which was to be carried in the ceremony. Scrambling around amidst the crowd, I eventually found my designated

place on the tape-marked rows. As the organ began playing "Pomp and Circumstance," the graduating class of 1980 walked one by one to the spotlights where Mr. McAlpin and Mr. Mendenhall shook their hands and congratulated them. Once we filled the rows of chairs on the floor of the coliseum, it was just a matter of minutes before we received our diplomas. In the meantime, the impatient senior class squirmed and sweated throughout the remainder of the ceremony. At the close of graduation, we stood, held hands, and sang "Dear Old Abilene High." At this time, I began feeling really strange. I was nervous, excited, thankful, and had a feeling of accomplishment. After the school song came the closing prayer, then the recessional. Once we were out into the halls, everyone hugged each other and talked about the parties to be held that night. Hundreds of photographers swamped the area in an attempt to get pictures of their graduate.

Well, I finally did it! I graduated from high school. It was funny how in just a few, restless minutes, twelve years of education came to an end and 481 happy graduates began a new life. What an experience!

Leigh Ann Manis

"We did it!" With pomp and circumstance completed, the mighty class of 1980 yells and screams with glee!



**ACADEMICS · ACADEMICS · ACADEMICS · ACADEMICS · A**

**Faculty, friends**

**aid students**

My life is changing  
New classes, more homework  
English  
Math.  
Government.  
Health.  
Electives  
Vocational  
The eighties  
A new decade  
A new era.  
A new life  
But I'm stepping forward  
And nearing the "real life"—  
Getting closer to my goals  
With the help from  
Administrators,  
Friends,  
Coaches,  
Teachers  
The eighties

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Walking between classes with friends  
Helped the students make it through the day

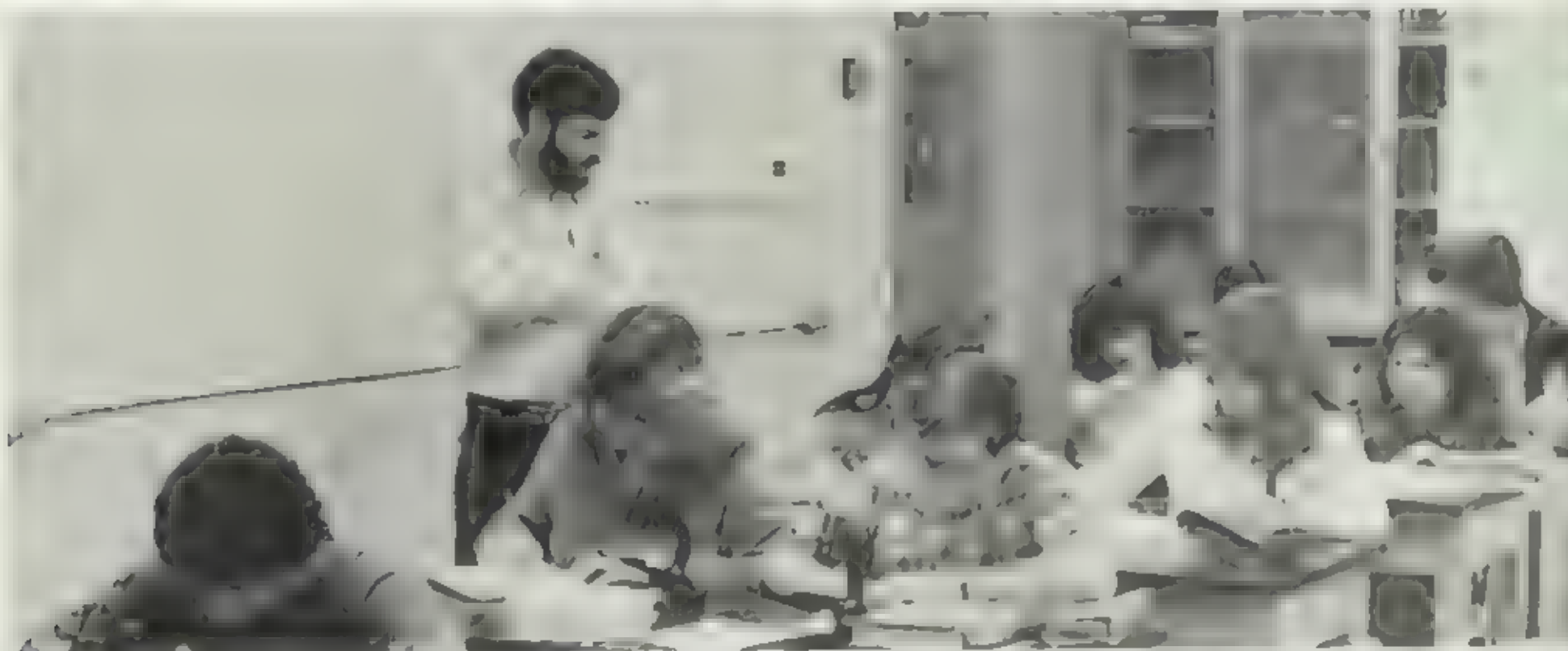
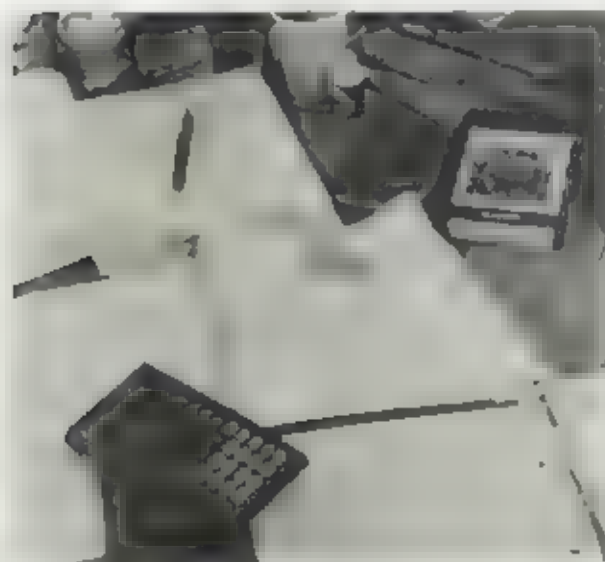


The aftermath of a session with the required courses illustrates the struggles of student life

Pressed for time, Cindy Hadley and Gina Nichols work on their first trimester final

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With such aids as micro-viewers, Mr. Philip Lana creates a great learning experience



## Chemicals, cells and life concede sciences

Agitating, mind boggling, rewarding and exclaimable were just a few replies of AHS students when asked of their favorite or lesser subject, science. Under the departmental head of Miss Louise Self, science was emphasized to art or perfection in such classes as biology, physical science and chemistry.

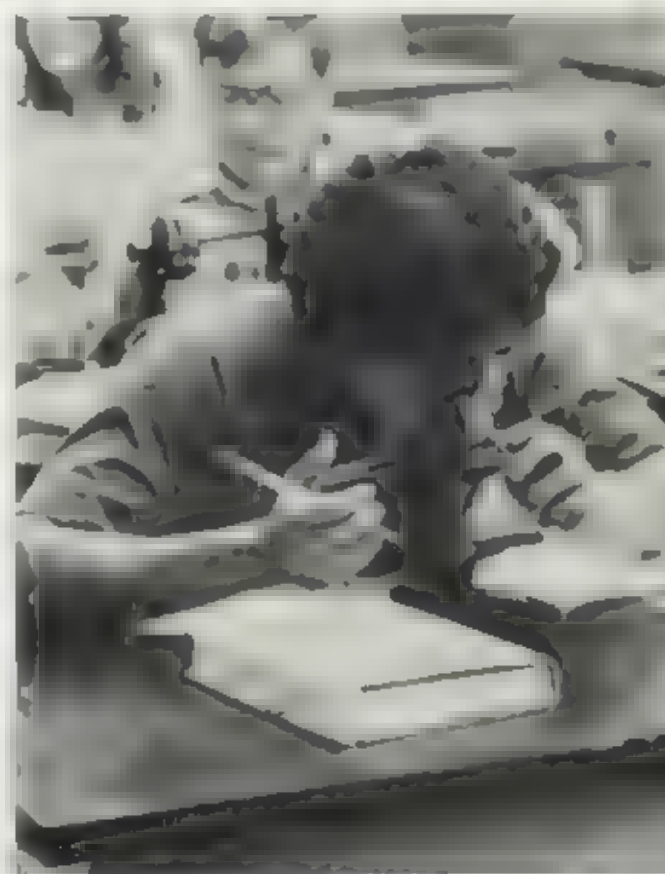
From chordate to chordate, students in biology learned the how and why of the biological world through genetics. With the dissection of the frog, students were taught special specifics in living organisms. Micro-viewers aided students in remembering valuable, necessary material.

Teaching the symbols of chemicals and elements, physical science taught nonreplaceable knowledge through minor experiments. Then with the gained knowledge in previous science classes such as physical

science, chemistry students molested the labs of rooms 224 and 226. From experiment to test and test to experiment, these innocent labs were gorged with lab sheets and cheat notes that were ever changing from chapter to chapter.

As a special project, students interested in extracurricular activity participated in the science fair in which the products ranged from mechanical objects to botany research studies. These "headaches" took much time in between jobs and dates as students still sought time for themselves.

Providing the student with a basic, the science department offered AHS students a career, hobby or just a few credits. Even with the rare paper fights (which were usually interrupted) students sought to learn science for future references.



Accomplishing the reserved "A" is the goal of Clement Cortinez as he begins his project



With the famed sound of a lecture in the background, Kenny Joiner and Lisa Hilden discuss a few ideas of their own.

Overlooking his class, Doctor John Townsend beams to teach the students his understanding



With scientific methods, Lochy Larson gets his blood pressure checked for future references

'Hey Doc, this little piece is still stuck,' exclaims Kevin Wishard as he experiences the results of his experiment

## English, history teach past and future

**Goal:** to gain an understanding of the English language, grammar, and communication for the future

**Apparatus:** general classroom (every reference book and English text a student could get his hands on)

**Procedure:** successfully passing the nine required units and then choosing to stop or to proceed with college preparation

**Insights:** since opportunities for students enrolled in English were almost endless every student should have taken advantage of improving necessary English skills. One of the opportunities was communication in which the skills were valuable to everyone, regardless of what profession the student pursued. Mr. Mac Hurley departmental head, stated, "On a personal level every student should have realized that improving communication was not only essential to finding a career, but it was also essential in having a happy life."

As students went through controversial items throughout their sophomore and junior years their English skills improved. During the senior year, the "kings of campus" were encouraged to use their skills by going on to college preparation.

These skill utilizing courses consisted of poetry, grammar, different selections of literary works and even the famed course on how to write the dreaded term paper.

The better an individual was at these skills, the more success he would experience in the future (such as history class). Through studying, history helps students prepare for active citizenship.

Students at AHS were offered a large number of elective courses in history beyond the required eight units. And, as the saying goes, "history repeats itself." There is little doubt that the events of the past influence the present in every phase of life.

Also, an iron-on was seen more than once around campus that stated, "Happiness is seeing Abilene . . . in the rearview mirror". This was true for those who enjoy history as they looked in the mirror and saw not only Abilene but the U.S. governmental establishment, the U.S. geographical layout and the world. This prize package was only priced at enrolling and participating in a class that a student's initiative followed.



With a short pause between words, Bill Brybrey glances up to be recognized as a determined student

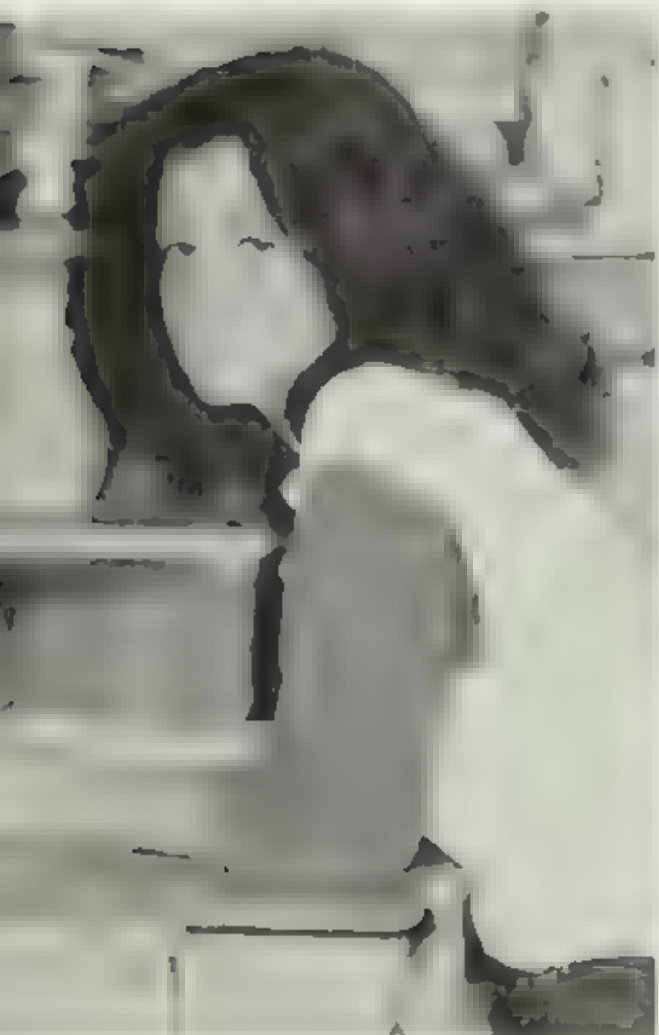


Busily at work, Sherrina Adair struggles in English to finish her assignment





*Taking a break, Jan Bennett relaxes before finishing her outline*



*During another test, Tracy Bishop gives that careless look.*



*Sitting back after completing his test, Fred Hernandez hopes the key is wrong*

Algebra is not always a pleasant place  
 unless you have help from Mr. [Name]

Geometry is sometimes a puzzle in a puzzle  
 unless you are helped by Mr. [Name]



Computers can be most helpful in working out math  
 problems as David White discovers much to his  
 approval.

String art is one of the projects that geometry  
 students become involved in.



## ***Minds exercised in Math Class***

What was the most baffling subject in school for many? What left some students confused, dazed and a select few understanding the class? Math, of course. With each new decade, came a change in math and new ideas and concepts to learn. Many found math equations hard to understand, but a few students were able to achieve the understanding of a variety of math courses.

Algebra, geometry, FOM and trigonometry were examples of a few of the math classes for the 1979 '80 school year. Students were not required to take all of these subjects but at least six trimesters were required.

Trigonometry, being one of the more advanced math courses at AHS, required students to have had algebra and also geometry. Trig was not considered an advanced class, but years following promised to hold possible openings for such courses.

Though many students still remained confused, they did benefit from having had the required amount of math and their teachers always strived to help them have a better understanding of the often foreign language of math.

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Trying to concentrate, Rhatynda Deatherage works the problems.

Discovering geometry is not totally hopeless. Christy Haas works diligently.



## PE, Health expands

Through the years, physical education has taken a new direction at AHS. Courses were no longer confined to the traditional classes such as swimming, tennis, and team sports. Newer subjects such as fishing, back packing, and bicycling provided a change of pace for students.

Unknown to many, several classes at AHS provided PE credits. These two were marching band and Bold Gold Students sacrificed much of their time in between jobs, dates, and homework in order to be a part of these classes.

Learning about one's self was the ambition of the AHS health classes. Personal hygiene, periodontal diseases, eyesight, maturing, and abnormal psychology were some of the topics studied during class hours. Audio-visual equipment was used to inform students about heart disease and drug abuse.

The AHS PE and health courses took students one step further into the awaiting world.



Practice makes perfect for Lucio Sanchez and Robert Schultz

P.E. adds enjoyment for Barbara Haden, Sam Segolia, and Norman Bostic

tions are used by Coach Cappedge to convey his  
message



Undivided attention is shown by Came McGill and  
Robert French



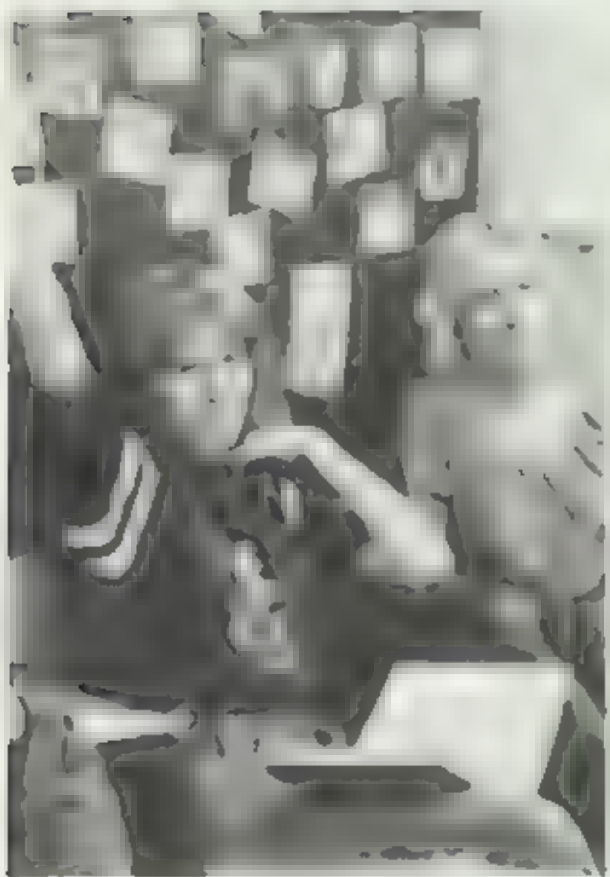
The art of taking notes is shown by Pam Horne



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Hard workers such as *Jimmy Sinclair* are often the ones who are most likely to be overlooked.

Desk tops are always the first place to look for a person's personality. Most people who work in the office are very organized.



Questions are usually raised in the minds of students as they read and discover what is being said in a discussion.



Resting his eyes for a moment, Jimmy Sinclair relaxes after sitting at his desk.



cial expressions often show interest or a lack of interest in class discussion



## **Mind searching enlightens students**

Coping with problems was the goal of the sociology and psychology classes of the '79-'80 school year. Society had many social problems, and as students grew and matured, they found themselves faced with many of these courses learned information that was beneficial in putting the pieces of their puzzled world together.

Psychology means "study of the mind" and that was the goal of Mrs. Neida Sims' psychology classes. Students participated in different class activities that helped them better understand themselves and others. Much time was also spent in studying great psychologist such as Sigmund Freud, John B. Watson, and their views of human behavior. The third trimester, abnormal psychology, was offered and these students studied behaviors that were not normal and also drug addiction and alcoholism.

Sociology classes, also taught by Mrs. Sims, studied how our environment influences our culture. Sociology is the study of individuals in a group and how they act in society. In this class, students learned how to cope with problems in their community and also studied the pressures that teens felt in groups.

Both classes worked to help students relate to themselves and also their community. Mrs. Sims hoped that students would have a better understanding of themselves and others after completion of the courses.

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Concentration is the key to successful studying as Jay Fry displays while reading.

Class time is not always serious and the sociology class enjoys a moment of laughter.

A customized belt was the goal of Kirk Brown and Roy Wade while participating in leatherworking.



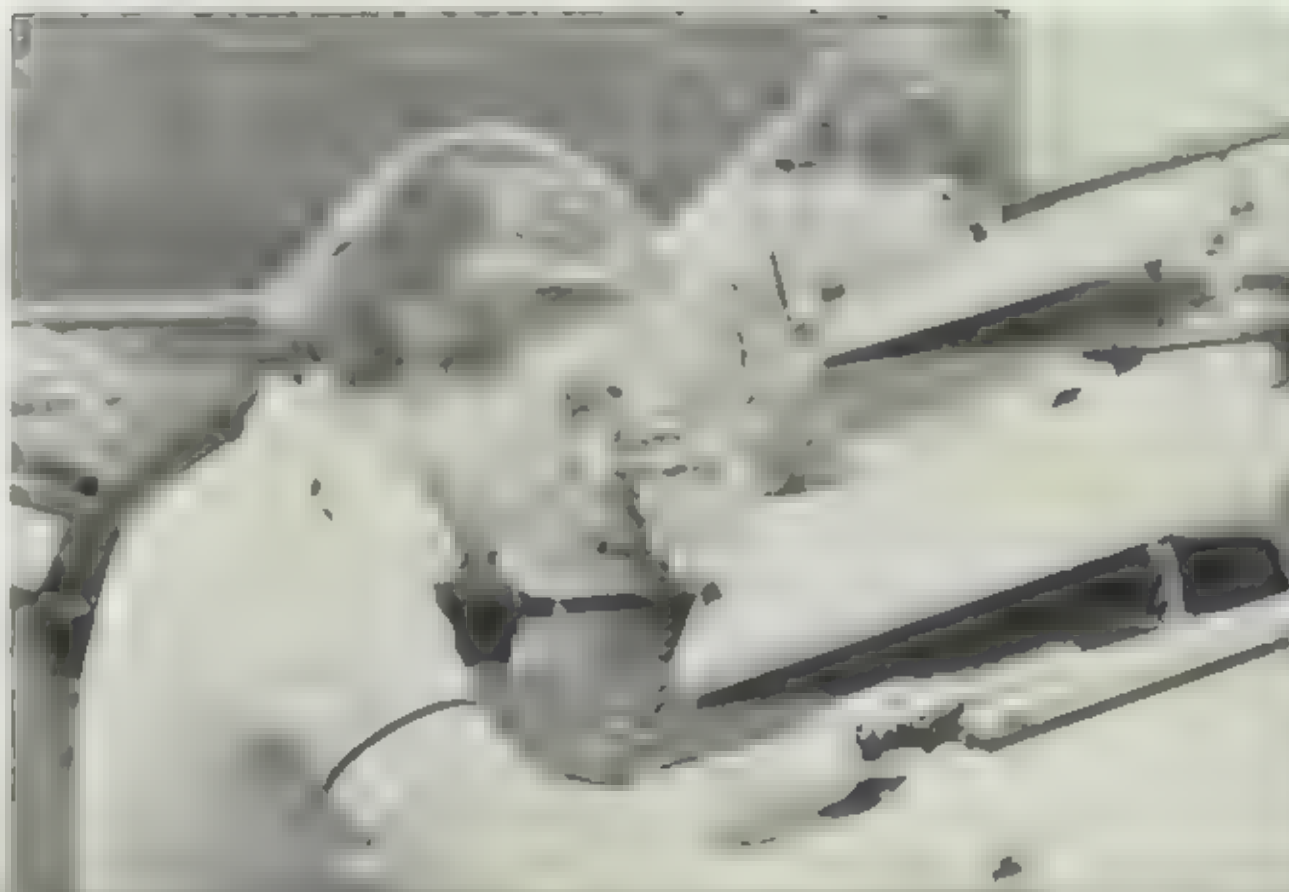
Shaping a clay vase, Effie Gonzales illustrates her knowledge gained in art.



Shaping her clay, Sharon Stanchel elaborates her project.



Much hard work and concentration goes into a drafting project as shown by Adam Andrews and Gary Potts.





## **Students' needs orbit around art classes**

From the hardest woods to the finest strings, the artistic ideas of AHS students differed among the art department. From such things as macrame to self-portraits, belts to china hutches, AHS arts flexed to meet the needs of the students.

In drafting, a basic design for blueprinting and designing graphics was contained during the '79-'80 school year. This course contained many hours of hard work and concentration as students realized that a straight line often curved. Expensive school owned equipment aided furnishing the students with necessities of a future profession.

Also in leatherworking students learned to do it themselves, this helped cut costs as gasoline prices soared over a dollar a gallon. This course required two projects which trained the students for another project of their choice which ranged from customized belts to calculator holders.

In the basic art classes, students were taught composition of space throughout artistic design. This class also took much time and effort to obtain the "A" that was in the minds of interested students. These efforts filled, and infinite hours rewarded the students as their projects were displayed for art collectors and enthusiasts at the civic center.

The goal of the art department was artistic design as AHS students encountered art. The three creative programs classified as art an ideal hobby or career.

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With the force of a hammer Mark Roberts creates his own ideal project.



About to prepare fruit pies Susan Ogilvie, Lisa Cisneros, and Shirley Carr mold the pie crust.

Looking over patterns, Delma Daniel, Mrs. Martha Carroll, and Mary Ann Ramirez select the pattern which one is right for them.



A demonstration on fruit pies is concluded with this one ready for the oven.



HFL students, Mike Muckleroy and Francie Ford, go through the steps of matrimony in a mock wedding.

asting a dish fresh out of the oven, Amber MacLeod  
ques her cooking



## Homemaking teaches success in home

Courses in homemaking were designed to teach students how to be successful in the most important place—the home. These courses helped students to understand and handle what would be expected of them as adults. Although most courses offered the basics, a second year led to advanced skills. All homemaking courses stressed self-expression in the application of skills taught.

Home and Family Living was a course designed to cover information needed from the first date to marriage and starting a family with someone. Drugs, alcohol, infatuation, love, sex, birth control, pregnancy, buying a home, and divorce were just a few of the subjects covered in the two trimester course. Most students who took the course learned a lot and thought it should be required, according to Mrs. Margaret Colia, HFL teacher. Classroom activities included discussion panels, role playing, and a mock wedding which was as true to life as possible. One activity

called for the students to take care of an egg for a week, treating it like it was their baby. Although HFL didn't get too much into child care, child development did.

Child Development was very important to any students who planned to have children or work with them in the future. The development of a child's personality was discussed along with the stages of the child's growth. Care and understanding of children and child abuse were also studied in the course.

Home Furnishings was also a more specialized course that taught how to attractively decorate the interior of a home. Skills acquired included painting, refinishing furniture, selecting pleasing color schemes, and upholstering.

All Homemaking courses taught skills, some of which would be put into use immediately after high school. Still others might not be used for a few years. All however would be helpful at some time.



Beginning a new project, Sandy Harris threads a sewing machine.

Learning the responsibilities of parenthood, Carole Jones takes care of her baby doll, also seen in inset.

## Students sneak a peek at the future

Students of data processing entered a world of the future when they walked in V-13 each day. Their in-depth study into the computer world enabled them to see far beyond the naked eye. They saw the age when computers ruled all, and that age was 1980!

In data processing, students learned everything from computer programming to writing programs fed into computers. These were not the only skills attained from data processing. Students learned the different languages of the computer, the first being Maniac. After intense study, Basic was learned. Second year students learned Cobal, an advanced language.

Not only did students have a lot of in class study, but also a few excursions outside the classroom, to get a better look at the job market. They also competed in contests which brought them many honors.

Needless to say, students with a good background in data processing would undoubtedly have an advantage in this futuristic world of today.

Numbers, letters, figures and words were all a part of the office oriented study at Abilene High. This included typing, shorthand and general business. In this businesslike atmosphere, students were able to get a better sense of office procedures.

To help students understand the business world, several speakers came to talk to them about their future prospects in business. Along with this they received many calls from businesses needing help in their offices. This indeed was helpful to the students who wanted to pursue a business career.

After completing advanced courses in typing and shorthand, some students hoped to compete at UIL in Dallas in the spring. With this experience under their belts, they could be assured of future security in the business world.

Having a ball at the FBLA picnic is Mrs. Kay Taylor



Future business executive Philip Marshall knows it takes hard work to make it to the top



We know practice makes perfect, and so does She Rhodes



Skill and concentration are required of Eddie Ragle while  
he programs a computer



There is no rest for the weary or for Mr. Fred Stirman as he prepares his daily lessons plans.



Data processing students, Tracy Detheridge, Ten Harris, and Tiffany Scott find time for grins.

Studying for a new photographic technique, Rene Decker checks a magazine carefully



Dark rooms are used by photography students Larry Allen and Dan Bordenom for making prints

Busily checking papers, Mrs. Janice Caldwell strives to give students a better understanding of photography

Close up shots are difficult tasks and Eileen Greever tries for the perfect shot



The above are examples of a negative image and a positive image made by a pinhole camera

Pinhole cameras made from oatmeal boxes, are used by first year photographers Holly Tautenhahn, James Beebe, and Marida Alba



## **Cameras Make Onlookers Curious**

Puzzled faces suspiciously watched as photography students roamed the halls taking pictures with an oatmeal box. Onlookers wondered if Mrs. Janell Caldwell had driven her class to madness, but it was soon discovered that pictures could actually be photographed with such a primitive type of camera. That was only the beginning project for the photography class of the 1979-1980 school year.

Students soon found the use of real cameras more challenging along with learning to load a camera and all the different parts that make it work. Even more so exciting was when, after much instruction, students learned to develop their own negatives and prints.

Mrs. Caldwell, in the second and third trimesters, started preparing her students for photography contest that took place on April 20, 1980. She stressed the importance of using imagination and developing your own technique. Originality was the main key to making a picture interesting and eye catching to a judge.

This past year, contest had been offered to students of a photography class and not just a member of the photography club. Mrs. Caldwell felt her students had good potential for making good pictures and with a little help students would do well in contest. It was hoped that many students would score high in contest and move on to state competition.

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Examining prints is a daily process for photography students Rhonda Gillis and Chris Lathrop.



An array of activities demonstrates the business of the Flashlight office as staffers do their daily tasks

"But why can't I put my outlines there?" asks Jenny Davis finding out that layout design is not just hard but an art too



Co-editor, Rhonda Gillis takes time out to think about layout design for every tripak must meet her approval before being shipped

To find that special word, Mike Gladish looks through the thesaurus

Working on the index was only one responsibility Leigh Ann Maris experienced as student life editor



## Difficult work, incidents, multi sponsors add variety to staff

Junior's, seniors, administration, teachers, custodians, clubs, banquets, dances, sports, trips and sophomores, what do all these have in common? AHS Flashlight. Originating in 1911, the AHS annual was named Flashlight. This fact could have been waived by a new invention, the dry cell flashlight in 1898, ten years after the grand opening of AHS. The flashlight allowed a portable light to be held in the hand. The 1888 administration sought to see every student in the beam of success in their short, portable yet obtainable stay at AHS. This goal was reached ninety-three years later in the sixty-seventh edition of the Flashlight. The staff thought about, photographed, wrote about and censored this years' activities for the student

Interviewing, writing, rewriting, drawing redrawing and deadlines were just a few

minor" headaches that met the worrying crying, laughing Flashlight staffer. A migraine headache was the welcoming party that met almost every Flashlight staffer at deadline. In the week of deadlines, tension built, words were spoken in anger, photographs disappeared, croppers broke, korny jokes were said and staffers looked for a refuge

On Friday, March 14, the first day of spring break, a refugee was found, the teachers lounge. Cokes out of machines, donuts from desks, pizza from Pizza Inn and sunflower seeds from pockets all aided the dilerious staffers. Then it was all over short but welcomed as staffers made their way back to the disorderly FLO with the help of sponsors, Miss Karen Stautzenberger, layout designer and Miss Myra Bennett, business manager

A new system was set up this year for

photographs for AHS publications. The system allowed more students to participate on the Flashlight staff. Photography for the '80 Flashlight was done by these honored students of Publications, photography class. This class was sponsored by Mrs. Janelle Caldwell. Much thanks and appreciation were bestowed upon them for every frame clicked and developed

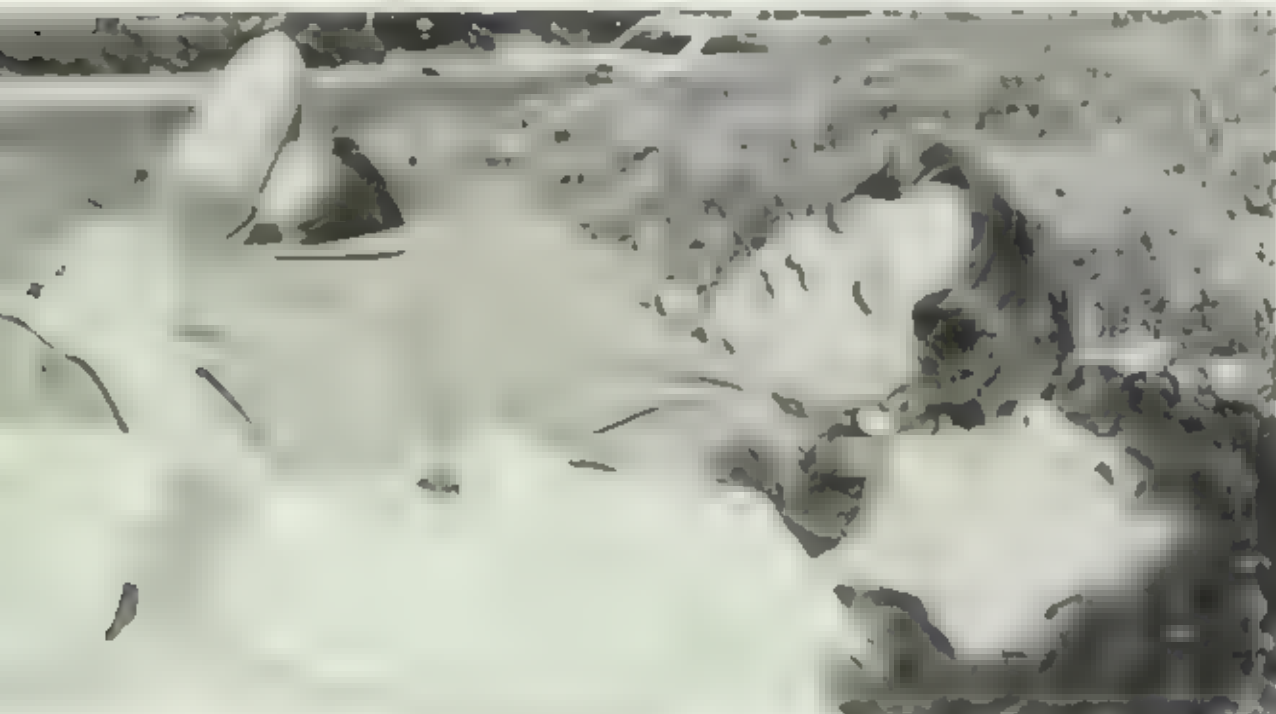
Six staff members joined with members of the battery staff and photography classes for an out of town workshop held at UT (University of Texas). The staffers attended seminars to pick up pointers and more do's and don'ts of yearbook design. In between seminars, students walked Guadalupe Avenue, more commonly known as the "Drag". Tee-shirts, tiddies and egg-rolls with all the most common merchandise bought on the "Drag"

While in Austin the group dined at T

devoted staffer Eileen Greever attempts to write copy outlines for her layouts



For Miss Karen Stautzenberger, Miss Myra Bennett and Mrs. Janelle Caldwell a close relationship developed after working together



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Guy watching on a grassy hill at UT, co-editor Carrie Thorne and Leigh Ann Manis take a break after a stroll down the "Drag"

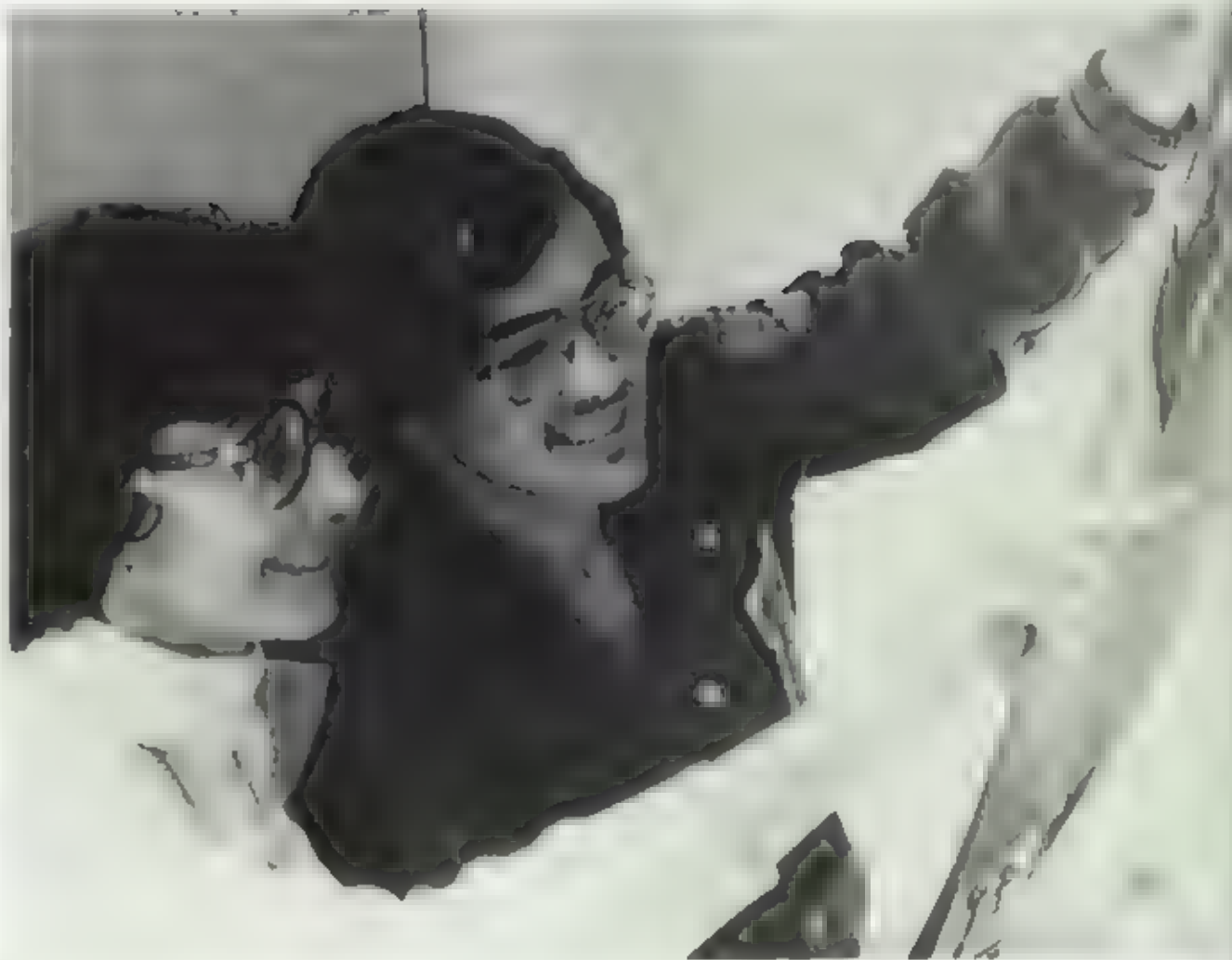
agic Time Machine, a tradition which started in 1977. Among the items ordered were Model T T-Bones, steak teriyaki, pina colodas and steak and lobster. These items added to the atmosphere of the Time Machine, where the employees dressed up as storybook and comic characters (Flash Gordon wasn't that fast in bringing seconds to the butter). The evening was over much too quickly as the students had to prepare for the next days agenda.

The last day of classes was May 29, but for Flashlight staffers there was another deadline to go. The June deadline covered senior activities such as picnic, tnp, and even the commencement exercises. Times such as this required fully devoted staff members as they had to give up graduation parties, sleep, relatives and jobs to complete another pressing deadline.

Finally the staff could say, "It was hard,

we tried, we did it, again!" A fine photograph and typed presentation of '79-'80 AHS Campus life was off to Wolfe City, Texas, home of Wayne Henington Publishing Company, publisher of the '80 Flashlight. The powerful staff. After being culled by lack of time and devotion of dropped staffers felt they had given other students a great carbon copy of '79-'80 activities. A mellow feeling possessed most staffers as they realized the year was over and life would never be the same without each other. The staffers were proud though that in later years when they could look at, read about and once again experience all the '79-'80 activities in the '80 Flashlight.

Pasting copy in place on a layout, Willis Parker works to meet a deadline



Taking a break, Dianne Macon pauses from her duties as typist



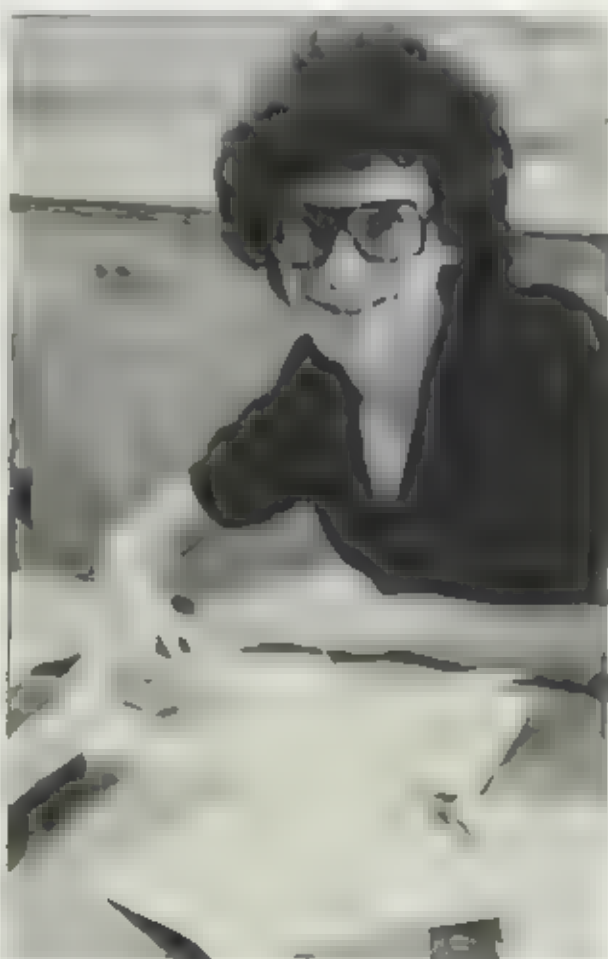
A smile on Jackie Martinez's face shows that being on the Battery staff is not all work



Following up on a lead, Barbara Dudley confirms a story over the phone



Counting lines of copy, Keith Raines prepares a story for the layout



Putting the facts in order, Cindy Waldrop assembles a story



Battery staff Front Row: Duane Parker, Jackie Martinez, Barbara Dudley, Janelle Ortiz, Janet Eidridge. Second Row: Matthew Argabright, Paul Kennel, Elsa Aguirre, Duvelia Gonzales, Gloria Thompson. Back Row: April Davis, Ricardo Gonzales, Sheryl Young, Cindy Waldrop, Adam Burch

## Battery brings information to students

School events and activities were brought to date for students with the issuing of school newspaper, the Battery. The four page paper was filled with articles, editorials, art work, pictures, and ads. Eight page issues were published for holidays and special dates during the year.

With the issuing of one edition of the Battery, work was begun immediately on the next issue. This year the busy staff completely prepared the paper except for the actual printing. This included the students preparing layouts which were done

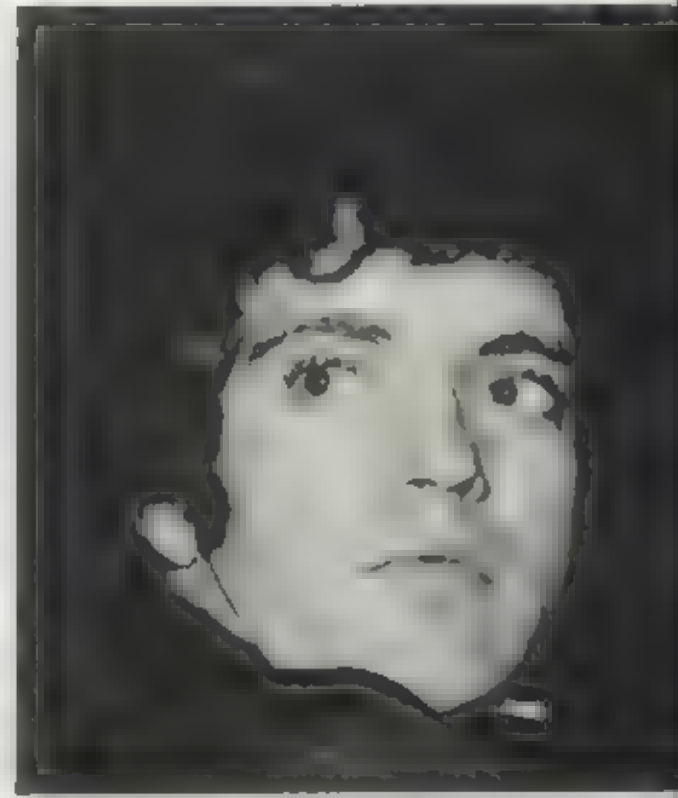
last year by the printer. Camera ready copy was the term used for this preparation.

During the year, the Battery competed in the Interscholastic League competition in Austin. Also, staffers attended a workshop in Austin at the University Interscholastic League Press Conference.

Mrs. Marie Yaeger, sponsor of the Battery and journalism teacher, said that working on the Battery gave students the opportunity to start something and follow it through to see the finished product.

Performing in 1984, Chris (center) and Martha Aldridge (left) in *The House of the Dead*.

The suspect for a *Coma* portrayed by Mr. Baxter Barnes, son of the Diana Dyer, in *The House of the Dead*.



Acting is not the only thing that Martha Aldridge (left) and Chris (right) have in common.



A mutual feeling is shared by Martha Aldridge (left) and Chris (right) in *The House of the Dead*.

Chris (center) and Martha Aldridge (left) in *The House of the Dead*. The suspect for a *Coma* portrayed by Mr. Baxter Barnes, son of the Diana Dyer, in *The House of the Dead*.





## Practice makes a great debut:

### Drama

From a story book to a science fiction novel even to homemade deserts, the AHS drama department flexed to express the identity of all students enrolled in drama. The drama curriculum consisted of stagecraft, Drama I, II, and III. Under the instruction of Mr. Buster Maloney, students learned the line art of drama.

The people behind the scenes were the students enrolled in stagecraft as they set the whole mood of a show. Lights, scenery, and sound were the special effects taught in stagecraft. The general effect of the presentation depended greatly upon these loyal students.

In Drama I, students were taught basic acting skills. These skills consisted of voice, poise, and general dramatics. As students learned these dimensions of art their acting improved. Drama II students refined these skills and advanced farther as they performed "1984" in front of an audience.

Drama III—a world of its own as students showed their realistic identities. From *Alice in Wonderland* to duets based around homemade deserts, these active bound students set a style that would be difficult for preceding classes to follow.

Experience was gained, as students looked forward into the future. Above all the AHS drama department improved student's acting abilities that would enhance a hobby, career, or a scholarship.

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Pleading with comrades, Renee Pruitt translates her emotions for a mutual feeling.



Standing as guard, Randy Ferns in a Drama II production in 1984



*"Okay Julie Youngblood, just load up!" exclaims an anxious Debbie Dempsey in preparation to the Sonora speech tournament*

*A promising reader, Carrie Blondeau gives a dramatic look that won several honors during the '79-'80 school year*



*Going over his case, Jimmy Pogue hopes to improve it greatly before district contest*

*Classroom experience is vital to winning as Stewart Miller practices extemporaneous speaking for pressing contest*



"Hey Mel, need some company?" asks Rocky Champion while planning for a successful tournament



## Competition toughens in speech classes

From waiting out rounds to tedious work on files or selections, AHS students enrolled in the speech department encountered art. Under the instruction of Mrs. Susan Faircloth, students were enlightened by knowledge in areas of speaking, debating and prose or poetry interpretation.

First, in Speech I classes, students were taught basic skills of speaking that would help them in later years. This knowledge helped all speech students, no matter what the class for speaking adds variety to all classes. The speech I classes carried the unity of speaking in to speech II classes where the art was refined.

From eulogies to interpretation, speech II students sought additional knowledge in classroom speaking. A eulogy was required for experience and to show the importance and respect a student felt for a friend, idol, or family member. Poetry and Prose interpretation was also stressed as Mrs. Faircloth put forth many hours before, during, and after school to aid her students.

After completion of speech II, promising students were usually advanced to the competitive speaking class. This hard working group showed their skill at six speech tournaments throughout the '79-'80 school year. These tournaments were ironic as AHS students competed not only against other schools but against each other, too.

On the speech trips, the debate teams also did well as AHS students experienced standard and cross-examine debates. When asked of the purpose of Debate, Mrs. Faircloth said, "Debate is designed to prepare and improve a student's understanding of debate and to aid the student in speaking and knowledge of present debatable issues." The five debate teams representing AHS left an impression on other district teams that would remain until the '80-'81 school year. Over all, the AHS speech efforts left little to be desired as they improved greatly throughout the year. After such a promising year, students looked forward to next year for another year of winnings.



The look of defeat is portrayed by Debbie Dempsey, a teammate who had little experience at losing.

The smile that captured the hearts of several female competitors is shown by Richard Giese, an experienced hand at speech tournaments.



Front row: Richard Giese, Tracy Freed, Rhonda Gillis, Stewart Miller, Julie Youngblood, Mrs. Susan Faircloth, sponsor, Greg Gaines; second row: Rebecca Lawrence, Debbie Dempsey, Kelly Gandy, Darren Dannenberg, Melanie Taylor, Rocky Champion, Tony Redman, Third row: Jerry Brooks, Eric Stevens, Tony Beblouski, Linda Vaughn, J. B. Cook, Tony Swindle, George Raines, fourth row: Wayne Hooks, John Breechen, Mark Hobson, Jimmy Pogue, Carrie Blondeau, Dale Nuber.

## Band arouses spirit in students

Abilene Eagles were aroused every Friday morning by one hundred and twenty-five students—the AHS marching band. The band initiated pep rallies with a drum cadence as it marched into the gym. It continued the excitement throughout the pep rally as it played rousing tunes. The band performed on Friday nights, also, only then it was in uniform, on the football field, and there were even more listeners.

The band began preparation for pep rallies and marching season two weeks prior to school by rehearsing for three hours each day. Once school started you could find the band on the drill field, before school, in all kinds of weather.

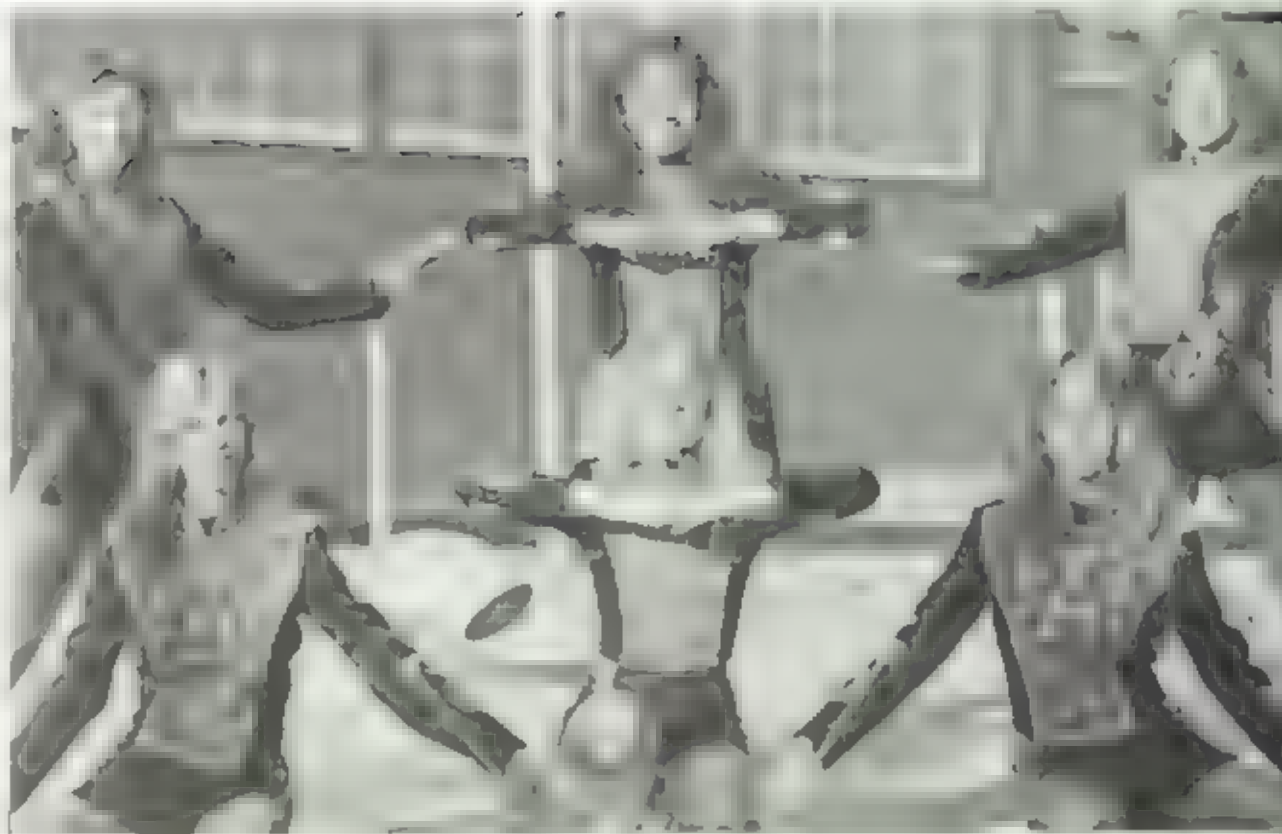
Drum majors Leland Harden and Reggie James were in charge of the band on the drill field and at football games.

You might say they are the field directors of the band," commented Mr. Bill Spencer, band director.

The past two years the band has shown change in its style. The change has been from a straight, military marching band to more of a corps style arrangement. This seemed to be the trend of marching bands according to Mr. Spencer.

This year the band helped support itself through a number of money raising projects. These projects included the sale of cheese and sausage, candles, and fruitcakes.

Obviously, the band was busy year round. The marching season however stood out as being the most popular time of the year. The band was always successful in promoting spirit on and off the field.



Before school, the tuba section practices marching drills.

Drum majors for '79-80 are Leland Harden and Reggie James.





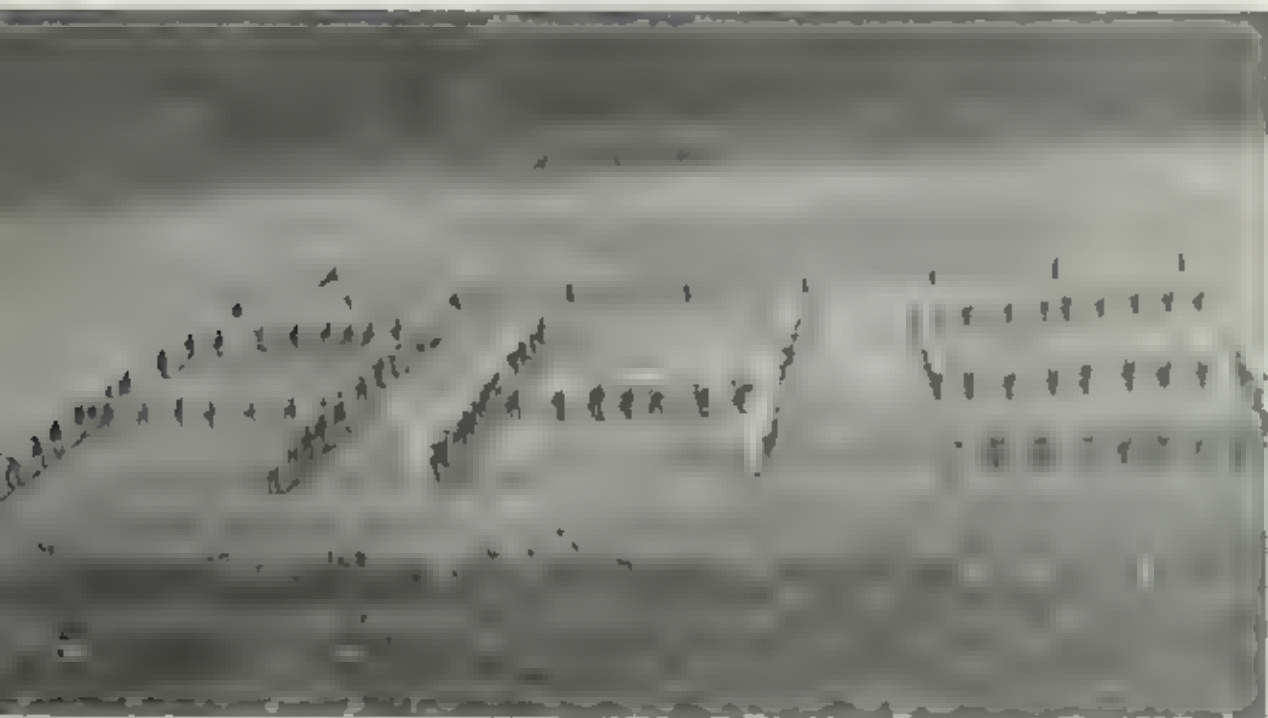


*Caught by the camera, Julie Salmon gets an eye opener before school at band practice*

*Intense concentration shows on the face of Scott Sanderfer during a performance*



*Strutting his stuff, Reggie James leads the band on the field for a halftime performance*



*The Eagle band concludes its halftime performance in the best possible way*

## Band reaps benefits of year's work

Hard work and organization were two of the major factors in getting together a good band. However, students who were willing to commit a lot of their time and energy were most important. These students worked all year to achieve new goals.

Although football season was usually what first came to mind at the mention of band, it was not the only time the band was active. The symphonic, concert, and stage bands worked hard all year and once one project was completed another was begun immediately.

The Christmas concert was the main goal to reach after marching season. The band performed Christmas carols and provided several children the chance to talk with Santa Claus on the day of the program.

UIL competition was then the focus of the students' energies as contests rolled around.

The band was rewarded for all of its hard work with a trip to Nashville, Tennessee. There the students enjoyed many activities including performing in the Grande Ole Opry House and several sight-seeing tours.

All year the band's efforts came together to produce rich melodies. It took a lot of dedication by members of the band because of the extra-curricular hours involved rehearsing. However, no student regretted their experiences after they had reaped their benefits. All in all, the band had a very busy and successful year, one that they would always be proud of.



Stage Band. Front Row: Jessie Rodriguez, Leigh Ann Maris. Second Row: Danny Roach, Robby Spencer, Dale Roach, Joe DeAnda. Third Row: Darla Hammons, Andrea Ruebush, Lisa Rentro, Russell Preston. Back Row: Keith Raines, Daniel Villareal, Gary Jones, Dee Rutherford.

Band director, Mr. Bill Spencer, rehearses the band to achieve the perfect sound.



Watching his music carefully, Steve Cortez pounds out the beat on his drums.

Conducting the Texas Tech stage band during a guest performance is Dean Kilian

Performing at a football game David Addy concentrates on the music



The 1979-1980 Symphonic band gathers for a group photo



Members of the symphonic band practice for an upcoming competition



With many hours of practice the advanced orchestra prepares for UIL contest which gave them sweepstakes



Listening to see that every note is just right, Mrs. Patton directs the orchestra



While playing the violin Maggie Howell is accompanied by Lee Magness and Darrell Gardner



Showing their talents as musicians are Carrie Blondeau and Melanie Leyerly practicing their violins



Rehab 80 brought many celebrities to Abilene, among these are Sherrie Lewis who visited with three AHS students Melanie Lerely, Carrie Blondeau, and Susan Boyd



## Recognition sets new pace for orchestra

There were several classes at AHS that contained strings but the one Maggie Howell, a senior, felt was most important was orchestra. From basses to violins, students played for the future. As the year progressed, the ability of the students progressed, also.

From a Christmas concert to UIL contest, students worked hard to accomplish recognition in town and on campus. The recognition was accomplished as the AHS advanced orchestra recorded a song of Christmas origin for an album that will be on sale Christmas 80.

The advanced orchestra played songs of difficulty during their fourth period while the fundamental orchestra played basic skill utilizing songs during fifth period.

Over all, the AHS Orchestra experienced string art for credits, a hobby, a scholarship, or even a career.



Some of the basic tools for sweepstakes winning are instruments, such as the violin, and music.

Practicing on his cello Michael Balancier prepares for contest.

Playing bells is not an easy task but Thuy Nguyen, Tim Ellis, Cynthia Cloud, Lisa Gorman, Joanna Crawford and Michele Hurd are very experienced



Sophomore Select: FIRST ROW Marva Solomon, Donna Williams, Dolly Smithsick, Kelly Miller. SECOND ROW Cynthia Cannon, Pam Horne, Ellen Cranfill, Julie Deasiba. THIRD ROW Sheila Hoover, Donna Rich, Christy Siltman, Jennifer Matchett, Cynthia Rodriguez. FOURTH ROW Tommy Bland, Gary Andrews, Cindy Siltman, Connie Faulkner, Lacsia Millikins. FIFTH ROW Jeff Marsh, David Gomez, Pam Hege, Dara Cook, Sally Vertz. SIXTH ROW Rick Womble, Robert Reese, Pam Dawkins,

Reisa Allen, Debra Taylor. SEVENTH ROW Billy Burton, David Lawrence, Karen Chalcraft, Elise Blondeau, Aubrey Roohms. EIGHTH ROW Bruce Gray, Robert Pekowski, Carolyn Barnhill. NINTH ROW Marshall Williams, Charles Stuart, Merinda Cloud. TENTH ROW Raymond Brewer, Trace George, Alicia Grimes. ELEVENTH ROW Donald Coosey, Ronnie Baxter, Karen Hawthorne. BACK ROW John Bull, Greg Henderson, Sharon Bailey, Nancy Wilson, Susie Cambell.

Practicing solo music is always necessary and Charlie Stuart, Greg Henderson, and David Gomez find it enjoyable



Barbershop Choir FIRST ROW: Glen Grant, Steve  
 Gilbert, Geibert McNeil SECOND ROW: David Taylor,  
 Brian Finn, Kelly Robinson, THIRD ROW: Richard  
 Bradford, Glenn Henry, Paul Hulet FOURTH ROW:

Stephen Power, Joe Mitchell, Tommy Thomason,  
 BACK ROW: Russel Anderson, Kyle Elliott, Kenneth  
 Bailey



## Outstanding attribute adds winning attitude

Feeling strain, tension and butterflies in their stomach was just a part of the emotions shared by students participating in the choral department at Abilene High School. Sophomore select, Girls Bell Choir and Barber Shop Choir went to UIL (University Interscholastic League) contest to test their skills of sight reading and vocal technique. Their director Mr. Danny Hood, had a difficult job in letting each choir perform before a second, much less a third choir was scheduled to perform, but each choir did well in performance. Sophomore select received a I in concert performance, in sight reading and received the sweepstakes award. Girls choir, omitting the bells, received a III in concert and a IV in sightreading and Barber Shop choir received a I in concert and a II in sightreading. Each choir gave an excellent performance that showed the quality and workmanship of the AHS choral department.

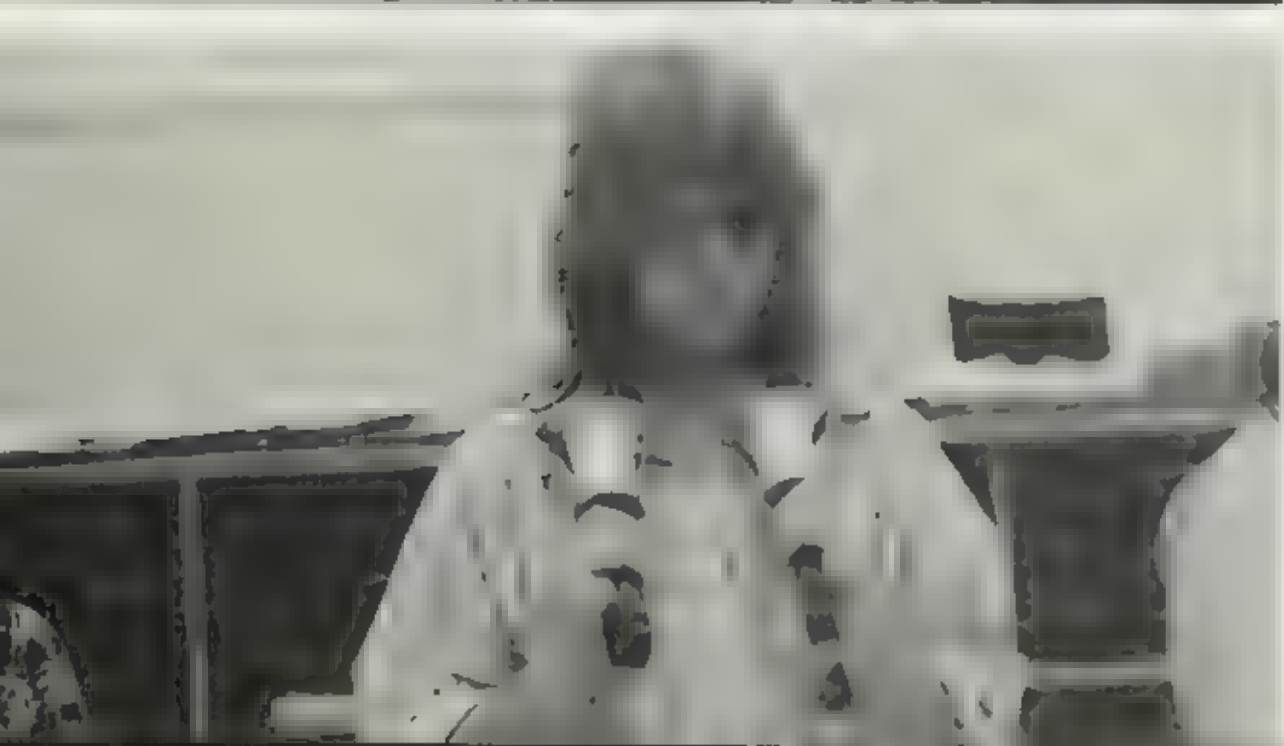
A great honor was earned by the Girls Bell choir when they were invited to perform in Nashville, Tennessee, for the Southern Baptist Convention National Bell Seminar. The Bell Choir members worked hard to raise money when they sold tickets to a joint concert with Harmony. Harmony was a group composed of seniors, in concert choir, who performed for various civic organizations and gave one evening concert for the school.

Throughout the year, the choral department met many challenges when performances were scheduled, and still reached its goal of making the AHS choir the best possible.



Sophomores find time for conversation during their busy hours of rehearsals.

Concentration is the key to playing bells as Pam Ellis does a remarkable job.



Concert Choir FIRST ROW: Dennis Cantip, Tony W., Keith Hendrix, Cynthia Hasser. SECOND ROW: Richard Hardin, Jeff Harper, John Craig. THIRD ROW: Jeff Craig, John Craig, John Craig. FOURTH ROW: John Craig, John Craig, John Craig. FIFTH ROW: John Craig, John Craig, John Craig. SIXTH ROW: John Craig, John Craig, John Craig. SEVENTH ROW: John Craig, John Craig, John Craig. EIGHTH ROW: John Craig, John Craig, John Craig. NINTH ROW: John Craig, John Craig, John Craig. TENTH ROW: John Craig, John Craig, John Craig. BACK ROW: John Craig, John Craig, John Craig.

Benny Shelly, SIXTH ROW: Ned Smith, Barbra Ma. Denise Maytal. SEVENTH ROW: Tony Thomason, D. Parker, Leanne Curtis. EIGHTH ROW: Kenneth Bay, Paul Hare, Kara Baker. NINTH ROW: Jake H., Steve H., Lisa L., Lisa L., Lisa L. TENTH ROW: Amy Woods, John Woods, John Woods, John Woods. BACK ROW: John Woods, John Woods, John Woods.

Happily Benny Shelly and Amy Woods display trophy won by the concert choir.



After spending much time in rehearsal, Mark Hoover, Laura Craig and Melane Smith are members of the Allstate Choir.



All Region Choir Members FIRST ROW: Benny Shelly, Donna Williams, Jan Jackson. SECOND ROW: Paul Hulett, Laura Craig, Melane Smith, Dennis Cantip, Richard Bradford. THIRD ROW: Susan Craig, Beth Hendrix, David Lawrence, Elise Bondeau, Rick Wombie. BACK ROW: John Salmon, Mark Hoover, Jay Dennis.



Money making projects such as selling fruit is done by all students and stranger students such as John Dennis, Charlie Collins and John Salmon help to unload the boxes.



ly expressions are a specialty of Denise Mayhall while taking a break during rehearsals.



## Excessive practice adds musical ability

Sweet melodies rang through the corridors and some students thought it to have the sound of angels, but in reality it was the AHS Concert Choir, engaged in another of their strenuous rehearsals. The Concert Choir, under the direction of Mr. Danny Hood, found much to their dismay, that a performance for the Lion's Club had been scheduled for them only one week after the beginning of the '79-'80 school year. Mr. Hood was confident, however, that his concert choir would give a good performance and as usual, they did an outstanding job and won the approval from the audience.

Christmas performances were next on the list of activities for the choir. Their performances took them throughout Abilene to sing and even one out of town to sing at Eula High School. A Christmas concert given at Citizens National Bank was considered one of their biggest performances because the choir was broadcast live in concert over KRBC radio station.

After the holiday season, concert choir music for the University Interscholastic

League Contest that took place in March was brought out of the files and the choir members began working vigorously. The goal they hoped to reach was making the highest score possible at contest, which was a sweepstakes. Many rehearsals were spent going over a selection of music until the choir managed to reach perfection.

Scheduled next for the busy singers was Eagle Revue. Many hours were spent in practicing for Eagle Revue along with building props and painting back drops. Each choir participated in the extensive work and had their own part of the show to perfect. Team work and dedication played a major role in making Eagle Revue successful and entertaining for interested audiences.

During the trying hours of practice, the members of the choir developed a close relationship for one another. Despite all of the tensions of practice, enjoyment with one another was obtained. Choir members gained a sense of togetherness and cherished memories that would last a lifetime.



practicing is an everyday activity for Harmony members such as Alan Woods, Susan Boyd, Charlie Collins, Penny Craig, Dorothy McFarland, Denise Mayhall, Dennis Lamb, Penny Shelly, Mark Hoover, Laura Craig, Sarah Pogue, and Billy Robinson.



Listening intently to French reproductions. Tracy Freed improves her skill of communicating with a foreign language



Giving individual attention to Ramona Helser. Mrs. Maria Griffith consults the board for information

German Club FRONT ROW: Kay Land, president; Rose Medeshy, Craig Letz, Tracy Rosser, Catherine Moore, Grete Carter. SECOND ROW: Raymond Boswell, Christy Fisher, Lee Magness, Larry Allen. BACK ROW: Kathy Larson, Kathy Brown, Ruby Hedrick, Dore McMillan



Experiencing Canada's wide open spaces. Maggie Howell, Alisha Hawkins, and Angie Haliburton enjoy the Montmorency Falls



Using the aid of a chart on the board, Mrs. Marie Griffith gives instructions on correct pronunciations

## Second languages prove useful

Le Francais: la langue d'armour, translated means, French: the language of love. Maybe that was why so many students were involved in it the '79-'80 school year. According to Miss Sherry Hansen, the French teacher at AHS, reasons for students taking French were to improve their English, to learn about another culture, to fulfill college entrance requirements, to prepare for travel abroad, and to be able to speak, read, write, and understand French. These reasons were helpful in obtaining a well-rounded education at AHS. The main purpose of the French club was to provide opportunities to use material learned in class. Through the class students enriched their experiences in the French language, civilization, and culture, learning more of the French culture encouraged appreciation of other cultures. Added Miss Hansen.

This year, the French students were once again active in Sing Song where they placed first in the costume division. Their costumes consisted of a prop that they held in front of them that depicted dress in the 1920's of French styles. They then flung that prop aside as they went back to their childhoods, dressed in shorts and knee socks, as French schoolchildren.

Dallas was next on the club's agenda where the students visited the Kimball Art Center where there was a French art exhibit on display. Then the students went to the annual Neiman-Marcus Fortnight celebra-



Traveling by bus to the French Symposium, Lee Magness finds time for a last minute violin practice

tion. A shopping spree concluded the trip as the students ate crepes, a French food, at the Magic Pan restaurant.

The highlight of the year for 21 students was a trip to Quebec, Canada taken during Spring Break. This trip was a repeat of one taken the year before. The students were treated to guided tours through Montreal and Quebec, a ballet, going roller discoing, visiting a sugar farm where bread is baked outdoors, a visit to a woodcarver's shop and many restaurants where a variety of foods were tasted. This trip tested the skills of students out of the classroom.

German During the '79-'80 school year approximately thirty students chose to become members of the German club. These students were busy all year with numerous activities such as Sing Song followed by a cultural trip to New Braunfels, Texas in November. Many German descendents lived in New Braunfels and the surrounding area. The highlight of the trip was a visit to the Wurstfest where students tasted German foods, listened to bands play German folk songs, and watched dancers perform German folk dances. The students also visited historical buildings, saw old tools and equipment, and bought souvenirs to bring back to Abilene.

The club presented the German fairytale "Sleeping Beauty" at a Christmas party which also included a play by Cooper's German Club. Lead characters in the play were Craig Letz as the Prince, Tracy Rosser as Sleeping Beauty, Ramona Helsel as the Queen, and Tim Spiegel as the King.

Spring activities for the club included the



Upon receiving first place for a choral ensemble, at the French Symposium in Austin, Dorothy McFarland proudly displays the trophy

students attending a convention of the Texas Association of German Students. The convention was held on the Trinity University campus in San Antonio.

A picnic concluded the German club's activities as they enjoyed the spring weather. The picnic consisted of pigging out and playing outdoor sports.

Through the course of the year, German students gained a new insight on the German culture and language from work done in the classroom and extra-curricular activities throughout Texas.

The year was wrapped up for French students with a retreat May 9th and a banquet May 20th. The retreat was taken at Camp Butman with French students from San Angelo Central High school. The banquet was a farewell for the seniors and a welcome to the incoming French club officers. At the end of the year any one of the French club members would have said "C'est mei! leur en francais," which translated meant, "It's better in French."



Getting acquainted, Monterrey's Magdalena Gonzalez and Sarah begin to ~~con~~ ~~verse~~ with each other.

Carefully listening to Miss Lyza Cordero, Mary Mercedes Suarez Delgadillo and Alicia Espinoza join in right in the Spanish English.





## Exchange students collect memories

"We had a blast," answered senior Julie Salmon when questioned about the year's exchange with students from Monterrey, Mexico. The exchange was the main event for students in the Spanish-Exchange club. Even students from Monterrey came to Abilene to learn American customs and way of life. The visiting students stayed in the homes of AHS exchange club members for a week. During that time the Monterrey student's activities in Abilene included a hayride, a square dance, attending classes at AHS, and a visit to Abilene's colleges. The students also traveled to Dallas for a day at Six Flags. Several months later the exchange was completed at the AHS. Exchange students journeyed to Mexico for a cultural experience. The main difference between Monterrey's school from AHS was that at Monterrey students smoke in class and come and go as they please, according to Joy Hulett and Julie Salmon. Both agreed the atmosphere was much more casual than at AHS. The parties the Monterrey students gave and going dancing were the activities considered most fun by Joy and Julie. When asked what they got most out of the exchange, Joy replied all the friendships made and that people are the same everywhere.

However, Julie believed that the Monterrey students were different and said that learning the different culture was what she got most out of the exchange. This exchange proved just how helpful knowing a foreign language could be as it gave students the opportunity to communicate with foreign students.

According to Mr. Joel Loya, exchange club sponsor, many students at AHS took Spanish because Texas is on the border of Mexico and they were neighbors with those who spoke Spanish. Students became curious about the Mexican language and culture after being exposed to it all their lives. Because of this, they took a Spanish class to answer their questions. Students wanted not only to be able to understand Spanish, but to be able to communicate with it.

The exchange with the Monterrey students was a success. The AHS students learned a great deal about the Spanish culture. Dress, food, drink, customs, and "the water" all had an effect on the students and their newly found friends, as they had at least one thing in common—a language.

Holding a pinata, Miss Lynda Collins prepares it for the traditional breaking.



Spanish-Exchange Club. FRONT ROW: Paige Pierce, Mary Ann Ramirez, Anna Pergies, Ben Gonzales. BACK ROW: Greg Bridges, Scott Orr, Julie Salmon, Joe Garcia, Joy Hulett

Learning information about each other's cultures. Claudia Valdes, Jaime Moreno, Jackie Flores, Paige Pierce, Mary Ann Ramirez, and Ben Gonzales meet to answer each other's questions.



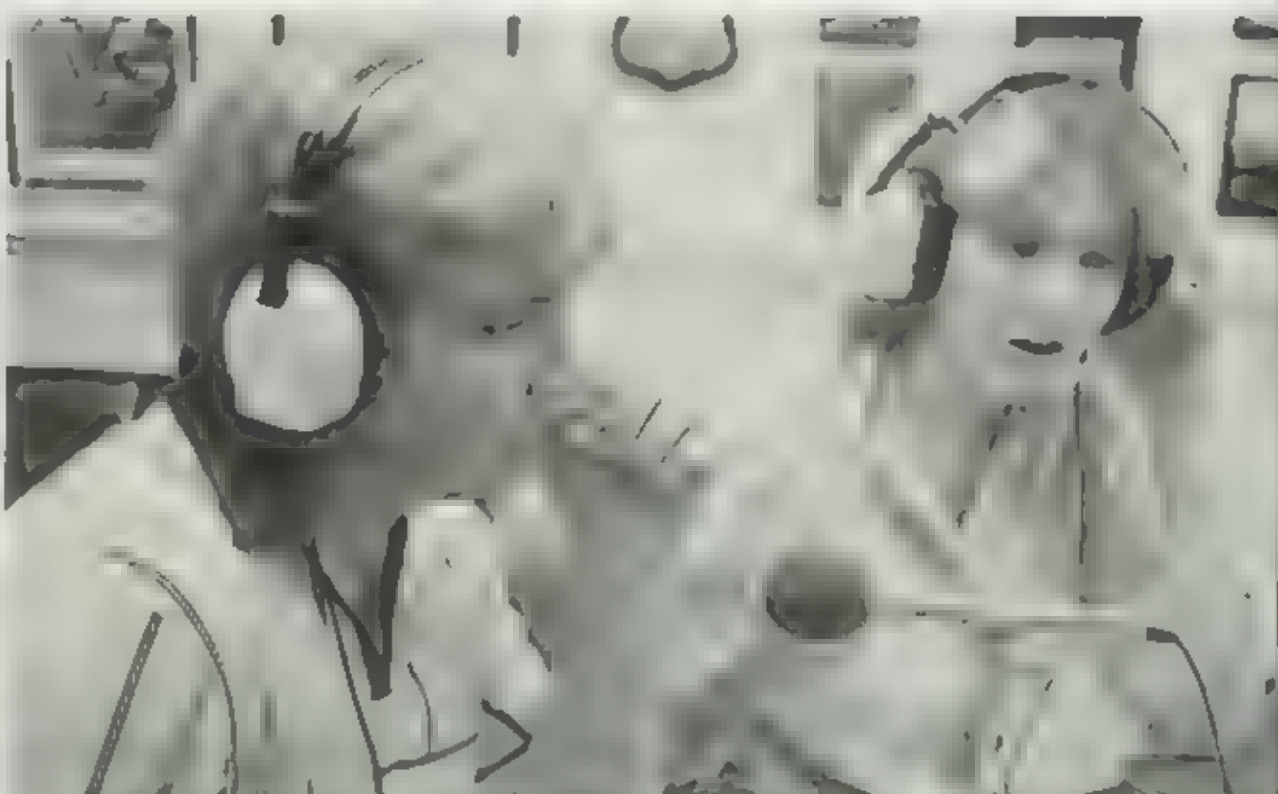
Newly inducted members Christine Wright, Anna Hawkins, Ann Smith, and Mary Figue, who joined after being not accepted at previous.

At the spring retreat, Paul Huetl explains himself to the future members.



Even though the NHS agenda was met, was not and Sarah Figue still had time to participate in several activities.

Selling merchandise, Dana Hammons and Robert B. and Jeffery F. merchandise, Thomas B. and K.







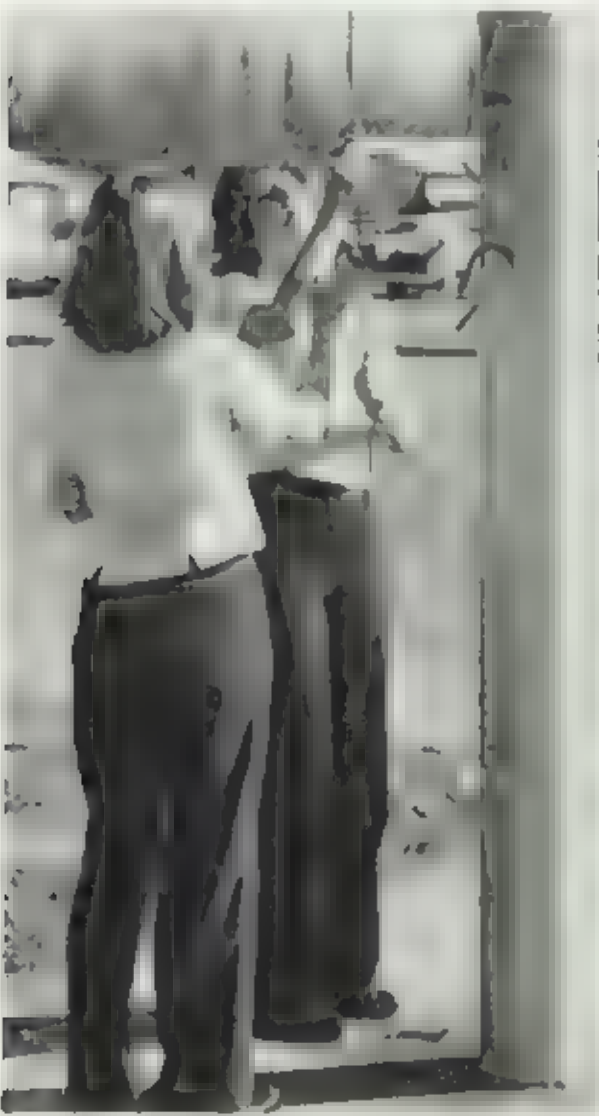
## Aerospace education is not just marching

During the 1979-80 school year the Tx 81st Air Force JROTC cadets were under the supervision of Lt. Col. Glenn Maddox and CMSgt John Reising. The cadets participated in many adventurous events. Field trips were taken to Lackland AFB in San Antonio and to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. But cadets got a real taste of Air Force life when they went on orientation flights on a KC135 Refueler. This mission included refuelling of an aircraft in midair over various states, such as New Mexico, Nebraska, Arizona, Kansas and other states across the nation. Other various activities included a

March A Thon for the Rehab Center and color guard presentations at football games and special events.

The marching "A" was presented by the combination of both male and female drill teams. The students marched onto the field or court in the form of an "A". The marching "A" was performed Tuesday, February 19, 1980 at the Taylor County Coliseum. The year ended soon after with the annual end-of-the-year picnic when cadets reminisced about the year they had spent with each other.

Accepting a plaque Mr. Gavriel L. Max is presenting names of Mr. and Miss Texas 81st.



Cadets Vivian Ussery and Susan Wayne take down the flag while participating in ROTC.

It gets pretty cold most of the time up in the air on the KC135. But it seems two cadets found a way of fighting the cold.





*"Would you like to dance" Col. Maddox seems to be asking his wife*



*With a band from San Antonio playing some good music the cadets can really get down and boggie*

**BLACK NIGHT DRILL TEAM** Mike Payne, Clarence Moore, Bruce Payne, Ed Smith, Gary Drew, Stephen Daniels, Waymon Washington, Steve Mewers, Greg Medearis, Scott Herold, Thomas, Mike Wroble, and David Williams.



*The colorguard keeps in step all the way to the flag.*

*The MR. and MISS TEXAS 81st for the 1979 80 school year were Miss Lisa Carter and Mr. Gary Drew, shown with their trophies*

## FFA, DE, ICT prepare for future

Establishing a relationship between farming and business, FFA students gained knowledge of vocational agriculture. Students engaged themselves with projects, extra curricular activities and regular class work.

Students enrolled in the sequel course were required to keep a project such as a crop or an animal. This national rule of the FFA gave students knowledge of farming and ranching while still in school.

From Sing-Song to judging contests, FFA participated in a vast variety of extra curricular activities. In Sing-Song, a homecoming musical contest, FFA participated in costume, choreography and the singing division. Selling hams was another pastime the students engaged in. From district to state, these active youngsters gained additional training and awards in an area of interest. These judging teams of a students interest were meats, livestock, poultry, dairy cattle, dairy products and land. When all the scores were recorded, AHS teams usually had one thing in common which was they were usually on top.

From notes on the origin of the FFA to notes on range management, students felt the pain of writer's cramps as their hands wrote in detail most everything said in class. These notes were essential as they were the source of studying and passing.

From a project such as sheep, to a

Sing-Song outfit of overalls to a backseat of thawing hams to overstuffed spirals, AHS students enrolled in FFA gained knowledge that was necessary for the American farmer or Agri-businessman to survive.

Imagine graduating and going into retail marketing or an industrial job. With no previous training students have sought jobs for years without any luck. But luckily AHS offered DE (Distributive Education) and ICT (Industrial Cooperative Training) which taught students the basics of industrial and retail occupations.

As ICT instructor, Mr. Bill Decker motivated students into studying areas that would help them in the working world. From theories to technical aspects students researched deeply for a better understanding of their particular job. These students anticipated well-earned benefits as they participated in printing, construction, electrical trades, air conditioning, refrigeration, welding, auto mechanics, and machine shop.

Revealing valuable training, Mr. Cecil Couch, DE teacher, assisted many students in the retail business world. This assistance was aimed to help students in later years as adults. A few aspects of retail business world are general merchandizing, marketing, and advertising. Established experience was not just learning but fun, as ICT and DE students met and contacted the working world.



With a humorous class discussion, Mr. Jackie Richards leads Greg McNutt and Chris Hanes to take part in class.

Skillfully explaining the tactics of a successful feeding plan, Mr. Bill Scott teaches the students his knowledge of agriculture.







## VOCATIONAL • VO

*After completing their assignment, ICT students relax before going on to finish the day with hard work.*



*Reading chapters and taking notes is a class activity that Jackie Sowell participates in.*

*Giving notes, Mr. Cecil Couch explains the advantages and disadvantages of vocational classes.*

## Trade skills help students obtain jobs

**me-chan-ic** (mi-kan-ik) *n.* A worker skilled in making, using, or repairing machines and tools

Both automotive mechanic classes spent many classroom hours, in addition to actual manual labor in becoming skilled in all branches of automotive experience and confidence, under the direction of Mr. Travis Smith

Students overcome rain, steel, snow and the legal speed limit on their countless trips to the auto supply house and wrecking yards. All of the class received on-the-job, or rather under-the-hood training. Many of the students' faculty's cars were repaired this year. Simple repairs from tune-ups and brake jobs to complete engine overhauls were performed

The shop, well-equipped with tools and equipments, featured a complete front end service, hydraulic lifts, plus a very large analyzer. Everyone enjoyed the luxury of having air impact wrenches and ratchets

The auto mechanics provided a way for students to do something that they enjoyed and that was very educational also. After all the grease, oil, and skinned knuckles, some students planned to make a career out of a hobby that started with their first Hot Wheels set

Aspiring carpenters experienced the fundamentals of various tasks of the

construction field in the building trades class. Before any power tools were actually used, each student had to pass a safety rules test with a perfect score. Mr. John Berry gave lectures and demonstrations of safety rules and proper use of safety equipment

When actual labor began, the students were taught how to layout a wall partition, channels and outside corner assemblies into the framework, before erecting the structure. The students gained knowledge in placing ceiling joists and laying out rafters, plus decking, and shingles in order to complete a roof. The course also provided much needed experience in finished work such as paneling, installing trim molding, acoustical ceilings, and cabinet making

At the completion of the roof, the electrical trades emerged to install wiring. In the duration of the class, headed by Mr. Ross Plant, students studied residential and commercial wiring. Small motor repair was also reviewed by the class

Small wiring jobs included two remodeling jobs plus one commercial job at the Royal Electric Company were performed by the class. Students spent many classroom hours in preparation for actual electrical projects. By working as a team, the building and electrical trades classes combined for a very successful year



Pouring and leveling cement make-up a rather messy aspect of building trades for Gary Jones

In preparation to pour concrete, Gilbert Perez brings boards to use as frames



Checking a carburetor requires the skills exhibited by Ruben Parrarez



Tedious work in electrical trades hones the skills of Charles Becker and Paul Hagen



Showing another facet of auto mechanics, Robby Adkins puts a last detail on his work

Taking a break from their work Jerry LaManna and Paul Hagen relax before finishing their assignment



## Courses spark student interest

With the combination of a classroom and lab, the students of radio and television entered to learn a trade of repair and adjustment of electrical equipment under the supervision of Mr. Jim Simpson.

Students entered in the course which helped them gain critical and helpful experience for present and future jobs. The experience taught them how to repair and make better use of various household appliances.

Located in the old vocational building the workshop was always humming with students diagnosing and correcting problems concerning mechanical appliances.

With two years of any vocational trade class, the crew of Air Conditional-Refrigeration had a good chance for a job placement in the field.

The students did well in the VICA contest in Odessa. Three placed first in projects, one placed second and one placed fifth in skill speed.

The students who enrolled in metal trades found help for the future as they endowed basic skills toward a metal profession. The course covered four major categories: machine work, bench work, welding, and theory with several related subjects. With a variety of hand tools, such as pliers and chisels, the students learned the names, uses, and care of hand tools.

Concentration is essential as Jerry Lambert learns to work with metal.



Shielding his eyes from the sparks this student learns the basics of welding.



Testing the equipment before installation is one of the jobs in the Radio-TV class.

Pondering his next assignment Tommy V. Jones relaxes in the Radio-TV shop



Replacing the intricate parts of a radio is part of student Terry Petersens' job



Aiding his assistance Mr. Jim Simpson keeps a close eye on student Danny Stokes



Checking the efficiency of the refrigerator thermostat is Junior Eddie Martinez

## Students prepare for future jobs

Deciding on a profession by one's junior year sounded difficult, but cosmetology students who did this were ready for employment immediately after graduation. Cosmetology taught by Mrs. Willeen Roberts, was a two year course and had to be started by the junior year in order for students to get their 1500 hours of classroom work done. At the end of the second year students took the state exam and upon passing became licensed cosmetologists.

During the two year course, cosmetology students practiced on manikins and then advanced to models and patrons when their skills became well developed. Cosmetology took much dedication of time from the students. Passing the state exam, given towards the end of the student's senior year, was a requirement to be employed as a cosmetologist in the state of Texas.

Qualifications to become enrolled in cosmetology included maturity, professionalism, personality, hygiene, and attitude. The field of cosmetology offered new goals for the students who met these requirements. This program expanded the students' profession beyond a job—to an adventure as they chose a career for the future.



One of the last stages of a set, combing out, is shown by Chris Griffin on Mary English's hair.



As excited onlookers observe, Cyndi Demall rolls Melinda Hoppe's hair into pin curls for an upcoming event.



Mixing chemicals, LaDonna Brown and Patricia Dewport  
prepare a compound that will successfully tint or shade  
hair



Practicing different techniques, Susan  
Blankenship readies herself for a career in  
cosmetology



To try out her newly learned skills, Shelly Miller gives  
Kim Harwell's hair a permanent



To fulfill lab work requirements, Christy Cunningham  
prepares Danette Reagan's hair for a set

## Preparation classes help improve skills

Planning for the future was not always easy, but the vocational classes of Abilene High made planning a little easier. HECE, HOE, PRE-VOE, and VOE were examples of training classes that helped students obtain the needed skills for office jobs.

Programs such as HECE, Home Economics Cooperative Education, was designed to help the students to become employable after graduation from high school. Some students continued in technical and trade schools or college after graduation. Students that participated in the class were placed in jobs that dealt with home economics related occupations.

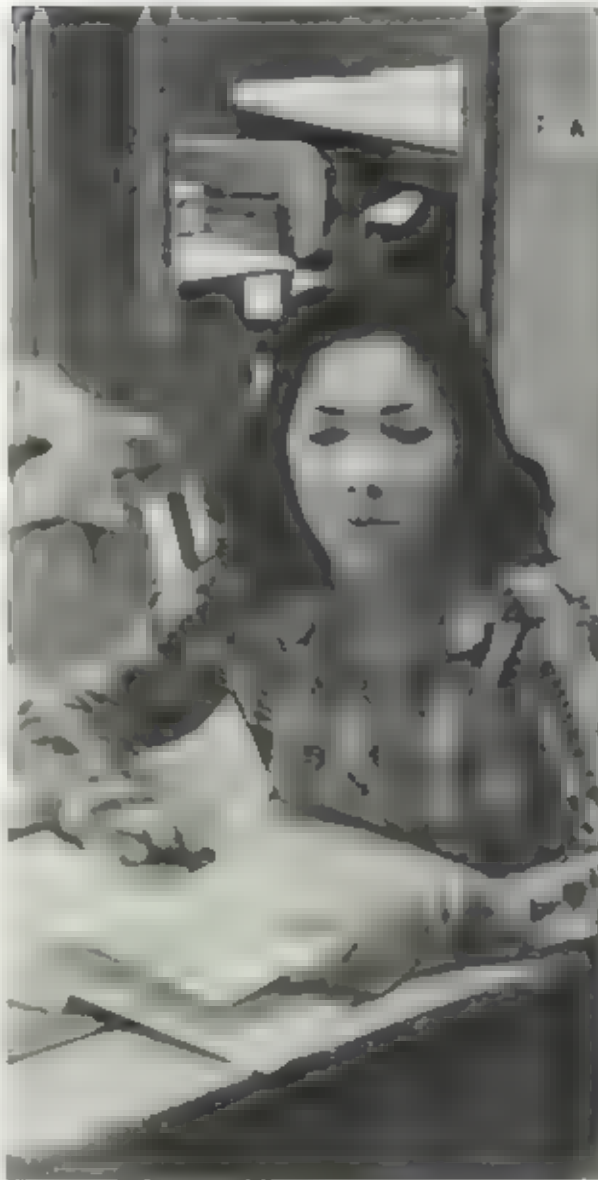
Job interviews and applications, employer-employee relationships, value clarification, and self improvement were just a few of the subjects studied by HECE students.

Preparation for secretarial and clerical jobs were taught by Mrs. Judy Bird in Pre-Voe, Vocational Office Education class. Filing, record keeping, and the operation of a transcription machine were a few of the skills learned by Pre-Voe students, juniors were required to take Pre-Voe for two class periods and seniors to one class period of VOE.

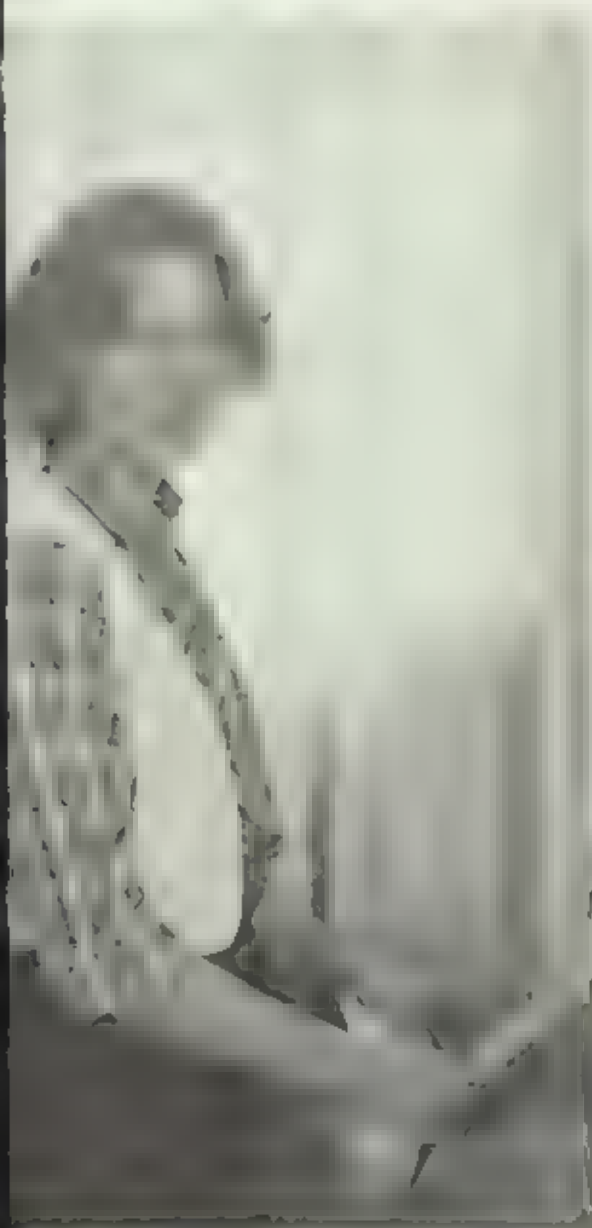
Seniors had the opportunity to take VOE and obtain office jobs for "on the job training." VOE was very beneficial for office work before and after graduation. Students had the opportunity of staying with the company where they were employed after graduation. If a student decided to attend college they could work their way through by working in college offices or in the business world in the community of the college.

Making decisions for the future was never easy but classes that offered training for jobs in the business world, eased the minds of many students and helped them graduate with a little less worry.

Working together is helpful when HECE students have a difficult assignment.



Having fun is a big part of VOE students such as Tonya  
 Herman, Dixie Crag, Cindy Britton, June Carter and  
 Jan Watts also enjoying free time



Another trade learned by HECE students such as  
 Regina Cooley, is filing.



Secretarial training is learned by all VOE students  
 such as Regina Adams

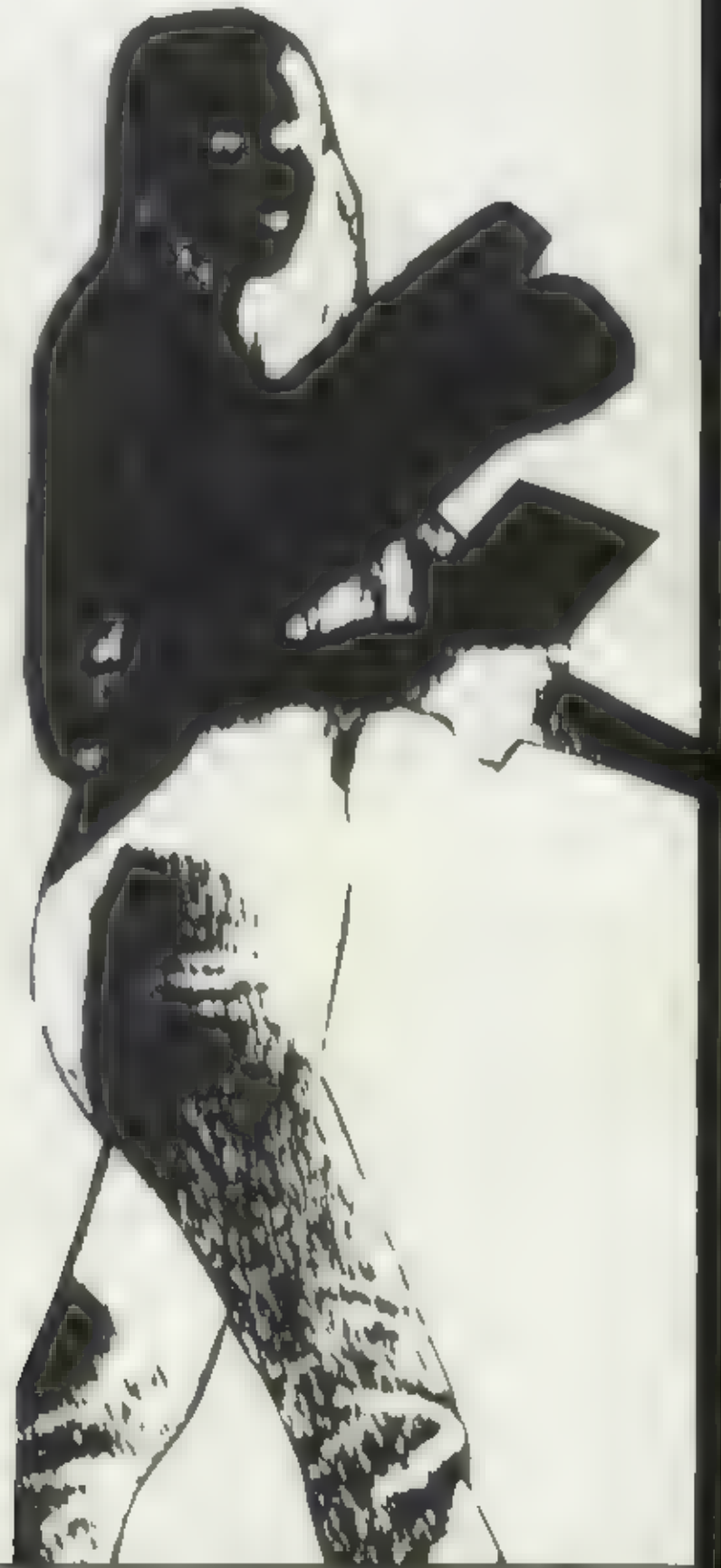


Learning office skills often requires a little help and  
 Mrs. Harkey is always available to help students  
 such as Eida Ortiz

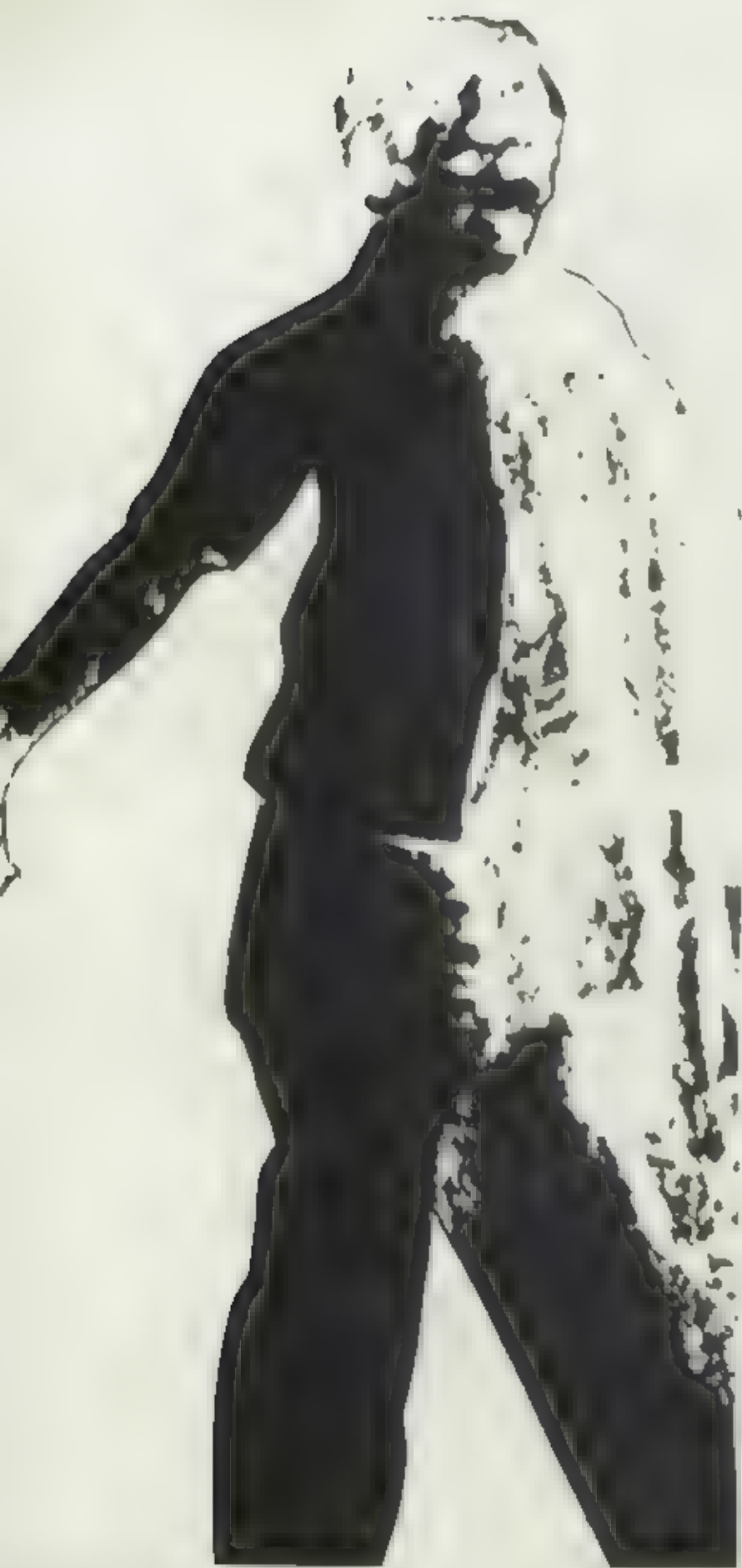


**Peers, class rank  
affect lives of  
kids**

*My life is changing  
New friends, new status  
Leaders,  
Favorites,  
Activities,  
Individuals,  
Growing older  
The eighties  
A new decade  
A new era,  
A new life,  
But I'm stepping forward  
And nearing the "real life"—  
Getting closer to my goals  
With the help from  
Family  
Friends,  
Sponsors,  
Administrators,  
The eighties*



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*As seniors prepared for their own graduation with gowns in hand, they also helped juniors with their campaigns for their senior year to come.*

## Meditation XVII

Perchance he for whom this bell tolls may none man dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book so ill as that he knows not it tolls for him of the book, but translated into a better thing; and perchance I may think myself so; language; and every chapter must be so much better than I am as that they who are translated. God employs several translators about me and see my state may have others: some pieces are translated by age, some by sickness, some by war, some by justice; but God's hand is in every that.

The church is catholic, universal, so are translation, and his hand shall bind up all her actions; all that she does belongs to our scattered leaves again for that library do all. When she baptizes a child, that where every book shall be open to one action concerns me; for that child is thereby another connected to that body which is my head. As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon calls not upon the preacher only, but upon the congregation to come, so this bell calls us all, but how much more me who am a member. And when she buries a man, that action concerns me: all mankind is of one another, and is one volume. When I am brought so near the door by this

sickness! There was a contention as far as a suit—in which piety and dignity, religion and estimation, were mingled—which of the religious orders should ring to prayer first in the morning; and it was determined that they should ring first that was earliest.

If we understand aright the dignity of the bell that tolls for our evening prayer, we should be glad to make it ours by ring early, in that application, that it might be ours as well as his, whose indeed it is.

The bell doth toll for him that thinks it doth; and though it intermit again, yet for that minute that that occasion wrought upon him he is united with God.



Who casts not up his eye to the sun when it rises? but who takes off his eye from a storm when that breaks out? Who bends his ear to any bell which upon any occasion rings? but who can remove it from a bell which is passing a piece of himself out of this world?

No man is an island entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of a friend's or of thine own were. Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

Then

Neither can we call this a begging of misery or a borrowing of misery, as though we were not miserable enough of ourselves, but must fetch in more from the next house, by taking upon us the misery of our neighbors. Truly it were an excusable covetousness if we did, for affliction is a treasure, and scarce any man hath enough of it. No man hath affliction enough that is not matured and opened by it and made profitable for God by that affliction.

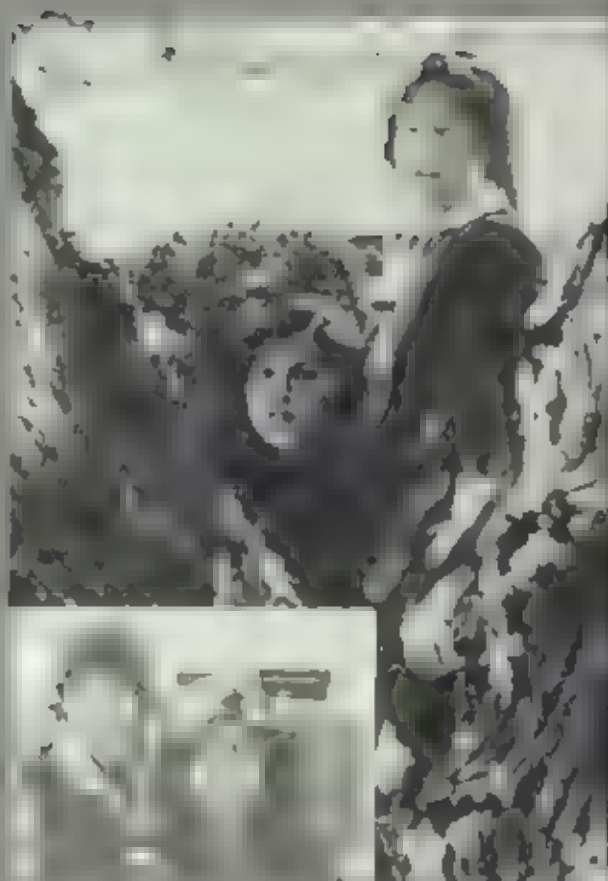
If a man carry treasure in bulion or in a sledge of gold and have none coined into current money, his treasure will not defray him as he travels. Tribulation is treasure in

the nature of it, but is not current money in the use of it, except we get nearer and nearer our home, heaven, by it.

Another man may be sick too, and sick to death, and this affliction may lie in his bowels as gold in a mine and be of no use to him; but this bell that tells me of his affliction digs out and applies that gold to me. If by this consideration of another's danger I take mine own into contemplation, and so secure myself by making my recourse to my God, who is our only security.

—John Donne

Looking fondly at the one who is so important to him, loyal Private named Favorite for the Junior class shows his appreciation for Lesse Munn.



Hurging out with his friends, namely M. Ann. and Owen  
to S. M. D. H. C. C.

*Fulfilling lives  
keep favorites busy*

His 'injections' was the biggest problem Marcus II has ever faced. It's about the most about the of his feelings. 'When Carter something, he ought to have stuck with

...and that the issues affecting the lives of Jews and the nation in general, Debb told kids that Jews were having the biggest problems with their identity and what Jew had they were going to solve the nation's problems, the one

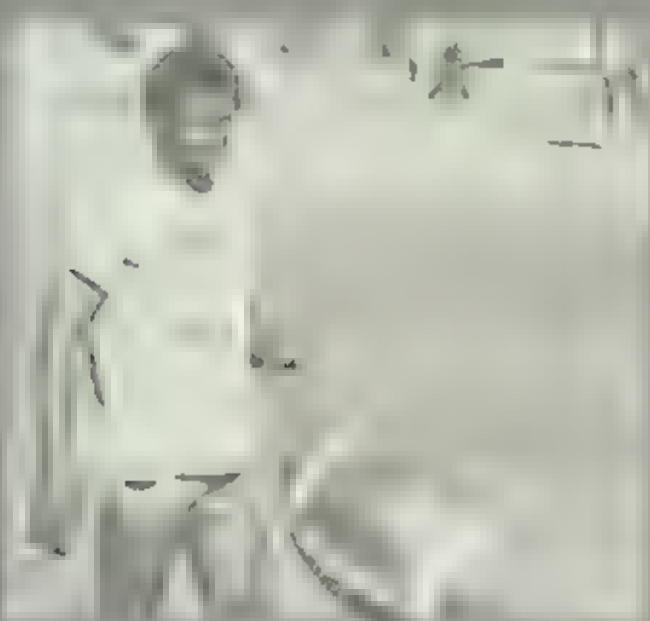
"Suzette came off as a people-oriented person. She had hopes of studying psychology at Angelo State and it appeared that she was already studying people through her friends. "Carole Fields, my best friend,

Relatively new to America, he had here in his life a lot of friends. Art Vasquez moved to Los Angeles and I have been that way ever since. I was at Alhambra High, was the first to go to Los Angeles to meet new people and be the best friend. I have been working to find a way to relate to each individual and help them.



Sitting down for a breather, Senior Favorite Alex Vasquez wears his famous smile.

Football plays a big part of Leo Parrish's life—especially the training and workouts.



Catching some kids breaking the rules, Debbie Flores fulfills her duties as YMCA lifeguard—the one who usually stays after school.

On their way out for school, Suzette Tirpitz enjoys the company of her boyfriend, Seth Smith, one who had a great effect on her during her senior year.

of activities. There was dancing (the list included ballet, tap, and jazz), piano, band (she played clarinet), and "I twirled a little on the side."

In late March, 1984, Michelle was involved in a local piano contest. "They picked two winners, and I was one of them, and that, to me, was my greatest achievement because it's the start of my career."

He was independent. "I wanted to build my own life in some ways. Leo Parrish, Sophomore Favorite explained, The "Building blocks" he hoped to use would carry him through college (He was thinking of SC) and all the way to Top "Top" meant Pro Football to Leo. As a sophomore, most of Leo's time was spent working out for track and football.

Leo never showed much emotion, and explained, "I just tried not to show any emotion—it was my image. To many, the name Leo Parrish meant "Touchdown Man." He didn't seem overly excited about the recognition, although he revealed, "I dreamed about making 'em, but I tried not to think about it."

and as vice-president of her junior class. Stacy felt that being a class leader in her political role and just as a friend was her greatest achievement.

Ambitious . . . the word Loyal Proffitt finally used to describe himself. While watching and listening to him, it became more apparent "I thought about what I wanted to do in the future all the time," Junior . . .

Loyal was very devoted to two things, and it was very obvious. Firstly, he was very devoted to his girlfriend, Lessa McKee, and secondly, sports. "Work-outs for track and football took up most of my time . . ."

#### Sophomore Favorites

Small, quiet, and always smiling—a summation of Sophomore Favorite, Michelle Pacheco. Michelle was very musically inclined—it was obvious from her list



Picking up her transcript from the principal's office, Judy Lin was in a hurry to get to her class.

Noticing a few Z's, Gregg Hedges sheepishly admitted he was tired from the excitement of the Student Store.



## Academics essential to students' future

English

First grade teachers with aflock of hair and go-go boots proved to be the inspiration to Gregg Hedges' English career, and they seemed to do such a good job that Gregg was chosen for the Outstanding Eagle award. When questioned how the honor affected him, Gregg regressed back to an earlier time and place. "I've never felt so honored in all my life except maybe for the time when I received my first gold star for handwriting in the first grade."

After his high school career, Gregg planned on attending A&U and was indecisive as to which medical school he would attend. Loyal to Texas to the end, he decided to stay here in Texas simply because it was by far the best state in the union.

Involvement was the key word of Carrie Blondeau's career at AHS. Excelling in the areas of music, drama, speech, and not to mention academics, as she was named Outstanding Eagle for English, Carrie had plenty to keep her busy. When asked about her initial reaction to the award, Carrie replied, "I didn't feel as if it meant this was your best area, personally I didn't think English was my best area." Carrie also expressed her feelings toward the honor, saying that the honor expressed her dedication to AHS, not just in English, but in music, drama, and speech also. When talking about an important event at AHS that affected Carrie most, the student perhaps explained it best. "If I had to choose one thing it would have



been my involvement in the fine arts. The depth and beauty and the growth that took place when one became involved in the arts was stimulating and

rich.

Being inducted in the National Honor Society was the most important event in the high school career of Randall Bradshaw, who felt that he was honored for his academic achievements. Recognized as a good student, Randall was the tall, quiet one who seldom burst into laughter, but when he did, it caused the rest of the people around him to laugh as well. When questioned on what the honor of Outstanding Eagle meant to him,

Practice makes perfect is the saying for the as Carrie Blondeau practices for the AHS Philharmonic.

Randall revealed, "This honor meant a lot to me. It gave me a lot more confidence of my ability in a field that I planned on playing a great role in the future. I hoped of becoming an engineer, and to do so, it would take mastering the higher mathematics. 'It was hard to survive and at the same time be in a foreign country,' Judy Lin stated. Excelling she



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Never weary for a moment, Ranuati Bonshaw and Kevin Hung seem to study continuously—even during their lunch period.



Munching down on M & M's is the favor to pasture of many students and Suzette Cox gladly gives in to one of life's little pleasures.

and the sweetest personality around. Her nicety didn't miss others besides herself, such as Dot Die Flores, as Suzette nominated her, and she made it all the way.

Being shy and quiet proved not to handicap Outstanding Eagle, Suzette Cox, honoree in the field of homemaking. Suzette, excited at plans to attend Texas Tech University, had mixed feelings about graduation, being both happy for the future, but also saddened by leaving the fond memories of AHS. When asked how she got her start in homemaking, Suzette explained, "My mom was a super homemaker and I took my first homemaking class in the ninth grade and have taken them ever since."

However, as Judy was named Outstanding Eagle for math the first year she attended Abilene High. As usually came with a drastic move, Judy had to make quite a few adjustments. To name a few, Judy gave up piano, painting, guitar and literature took second behind her math, although she said she enjoyed literature more. The honor of being named an Outstanding Eagle over the Valedictorian, according to Judy, "meant a lot to me. It helped prove what I'd been trying to prove in myself."

Homemaking

She had the much coveted long, beautiful blond hair

Remembered for her musical as well as bilingual talents, Dorothy McFarland enjoys the 12-string touch of Steve Krippa's guitar.

Just sitting around for a change in the Battery when it's your Youngblood.



## Mellowing out relief for many

### Language

If one day Dorothy McFarland had come dressed as the statue of liberty, few would have even flinched. Dorothy fought for justice when justice was due, and if she heard of any injustice, she let everyone know about it—not so much with her lungs, but more often by tuning up and saying, "I don't want to talk about it." Such was the case in her French class. Although sometimes discouraged about it, Dorothy pursued the language and was recognized as an Outstanding Eagle.

Dorothy was very outstanding in the musical field as well. She was hostess for Sing Song as a junior and was very unusual for a junior to get that position, and was active in choir all three of her high school years. She could also be heard mellowing out with her guitar (as well as other people's guitars) from time to time.

Coming from San Angelo as a junior, Simone Youngblood quickly jumped into many various activities. She worked on *The Battery*, kept active in Junior Society, and studied fairly hard in her other courses, especially Spanish, for which she was named an Outstanding Eagle. "I hoped to continue in Spanish throughout college and hoped that I may one day put it to good use," she said.

Starting with Spanish in the seventh grade, due to the fact she was born in Spain, and also because her parents thought she ought to know the language, Simone enjoyed the language well enough to stick with it so long that she took Spanish IV as a senior.

The day after graduation, Simone's family planned to move to Massachusetts where Simone would study at Fitchburg State College, majoring in computer science. "The prospect of college and the future was both exciting and frightening," Simone explained. Social Science.

Probably known in a friendly sort of way as the class clown, Lee Zuber also had another side of him—the side that was rewarded with the title of Outstanding Eagle for aerial sciences. When asked of his feelings for AHS, Lee kiddingly said, "I feel that AHS is a good school; in fact, it's the best high school I've gone to." Lee had been there since his sophomore year.

Lee didn't really know why he was chosen for the award. "I guess it was because I just guess better than most people. One thing Lee didn't guess about was his future. "My plans were to have fun. After that I hoped to go to college somewhere in Texas. While in



college, I also hoped to have as much fun as possible," he said, laughing.

Although she was somewhat quiet, Ramona Hessel's presence was felt as she walked through the hall or sat in a classroom. Her long black hair distinguished her in a crowd, and her friendliness could always be felt.

Ramona was named an Outstanding Eagle for her work in the social sciences. She also put her best foot forward in her other classes, such as German and French. She planned on going to the University of New Hampshire to study French, German, and Russian, and hoped to work at NATO or a major airport as a translator. She was excited about her future, but felt a little sad at leaving AHS and her friends. "I thought Abilene High had teachers that cared about people, and it was really a nice school."

### Science

Kind of quiet, and extremely smart (graduated

famous for his "Z" in both name and car, Lee Zuber takes a break from the daily grind.

second in his class). Greg Carter was noted outstanding in science. Greg also spent much time and effort in sports and tennis shoes working out for it. "The most important thing that happened to me was when I graduated from high school."

Greg planned on furthering his education in College Station at Texas A&M, exploring more fully the courses of math, chemistry, and physics and a degree in chemical engineering.

Graduating third in the class of '80, Kevin Hester considered this the most important event that happened to him at Abilene High. His devotion to the sciences offered at AHS ("I was the only person I





Picking up roll sheets in the morning, Lee Zuber gets a chance to see friends and get his daily exercise.

Chewing the fat over just about anything, Ramona Helzel, Dorothy McFarland, and Simone Young blood pay the part of the server women regularly.



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Planning on a science-related career, Kevin Hagg stops for a breather in his chemistry class.



Trying to complete another advanced experiment, Greg Carter notes the final results.



Turning to great friends, Ramona Helzel shows off her lengthy hair, although it has very little to do with her being named outstanding.

took every science course offered," he explained, "I was rewarded with the title of Outstanding Eagle."

Kevin hoped to carry his interest on to become an engineer and he planned on getting more background at ACU and then on at either Texas Tech or A & M. "As far back as I could remember, I had always been interested in science," he revealed. He was a member of science club all three years, and participated in UIL under the same division his junior and senior years. He said he'd enjoyed Abilene High, but was excited about the future.

To make All-State choir one must practice, practice, as Laura Craig soon finds

Laboring over the ever-popular research paper Richard Giese perfects his prose



## Arts add variety, spice to existence

### Choir

Transferring from Fort Worth to Abilene during his junior year turned out to be profitable for Outstanding Eagle, Glenn Grant. Glenn, active in music at AHS, hummed to be genuinely surprised and elated at having received the honor. He expressed his feelings toward his involvement in "let it go."

"It's helped me develop my own ideas as well as bring out my emotions in music. It's even helped me with my patience."

Making all state band was the most important happening to Glenn, although choir held equal value.

We have a lot of fun with our Barbershop quartet. We (Steve Kruppa, Joe Mitchell, and James Potter) sing at different places for entertainment."

When asked why he thought he received the award, Glenn's initial response was, "I had no idea." But after thinking on it awhile, his answers seemed more logical.

"I thought that it was because of my interest in music and the effort that I had put out to do my best."

Tall thin Laura Craig sang her way to the position of Outstanding Eagle for choir. Laura, who made all-state choir, felt that it was, by far, one of the best things that happened to her during life at Abilene High.

"I worked very hard for it and it was one of the most thrilling experiences that I ever had."

After graduation from AHS, Laura planned to go to Hardin-Simmons University "because it has a fantastic music department," and she also "hoped to make a career out of it someday."

Coming across in a big way was not only true



Taking a breather from gymnastics class, Susan Boyd pauses by the balance beam.

Reminiscing about times past at AHS, Mark Hoover reflects on his high school career.

for Mark Hoover's size as he played a large role in many activities at AHS. Serving as Sing-Song host and making the all-state choir proved to be his greatest accomplishment. As for making a living at music, Mark was hesitant.

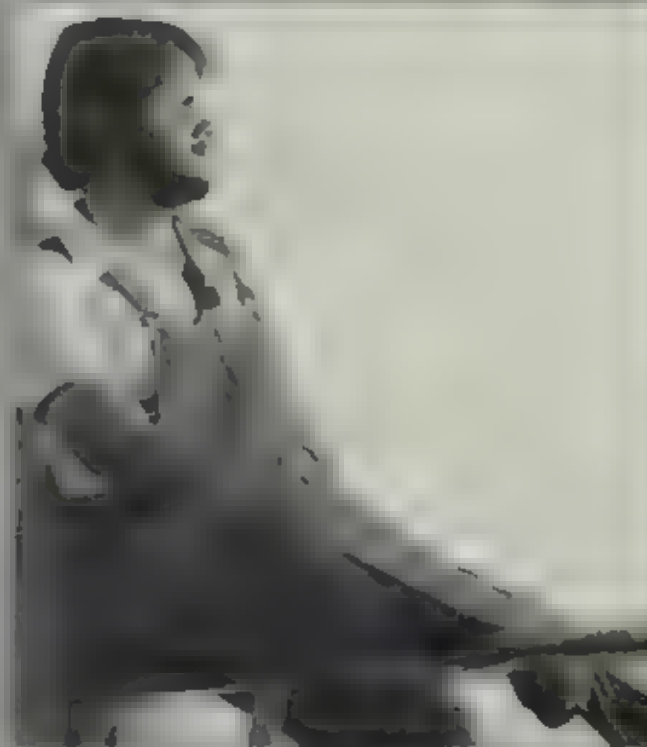
"I was very glad to have been chosen as an Outstanding Eagle in choir. I planned to be in choir at ACU, but it was definitely not my choice for a career."

Obviously this was true, because Mark revealed that he wanted to major in banking and finance.

Big seemed to be the key word for Mark Hoover not only in his stature, but also in his accomplishments, past and future.

### Speech

Dedication to music proved to be beneficial to Susan Boyd chosen as Outstanding Eagle for orchestra. Susan got her start in that area in the fifth grade when her parents encouraged her to play



in the orchestra. She seemed grateful about this "little push."

"I'm glad I did because now it is all starting to pay off." By this, Susan meant the position of Sing-Song hostess.

"The most important event for me at AHS was being Sing-Song hostess. Not only the thrill of performing in the show, working with students, other hosts and hostesses, Mr. Odell, and everyone else who had a part in making Sing-Song '79 an excellent display of true Eagle talent."

Susan planned to attend ACU majoring in music.

### Speech

Hailing from Wisconsin, Richard Giese enrolled at AHS for his junior year. After adjusting to the different culture called Texas, Richard began to adjust to school. Becoming involved in Tournament Speech turned out to be a rewarding experience. Giving information on current events with a limited



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Caught in an awkward position, Susan Boyd takes a slightly different view of things.

All alone and stranded in the band hall, Glenn Grant feels some regret at having missed the trip to Shreve, Tennessee.



Intending to be D. J. Dan, Richard Giese deepens his air voice for senior radio day.



Aunt of time to prepare became child's play for Giese.

"It started out as a trash-can course when I was an exchange student from Wisconsin. It turned out I really could do well. I was surprised!" Hearing his Oshkosh B' Gosh painter's pants speaking with a northeastern accent gave Giese a sense of uniqueness. Not only his actions, his words proclaimed an unparalleled viewpoint. His goals lay ahead for Richard as he planned to attend college for eight years and eventually become a corporate lawyer. His greatest future goal: to become the head of a large

corporation.

The many aspects of Richard Giese gave him the qualifications to receive the Outstanding Eagle Award.



# Outstanding Eagles

Bumming around together, Tracy Freed shared her company with a fellow Outstanding Eagle, Mike Fennell while in drama.

Adding the final touches to her jewelry, Lanora Oliver prepares for the art exhibit held in the Civic Center.



## Arts, vocations carry on beyond graduation

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Since I have been involved in drama I have learned a lot about life. Drama was special because it drew the students in the classes into a special bond which would never be broken," Tracy Freed observed. Tracy, named Outstanding Eagle for drama, planned on using the art as a focal point for her livelihood.

Tracy was active in drama with such things as two UIL plays, dual acting, and played the starring role in Alice in Wonderland, as did Carrie Floridaveu. (Mr. Malone couldn't choose between them, so they alternated.) She was also involved in a theatre workshop at Texas Tech in the summer of '79.

A major in drama earned at Cisco Junior College was the next step for Tracy. She also hoped to further her education later at Tech, because "acting's a blast!"

Art

With every art class that was offered at AHS under her belt but one, Lanora Oliver was rightfully named as Outstanding Eagle for art. "Mrs. Presswood had been the greatest motivation to me. She always kept me going and encouraged me in anything I did. Sometimes I couldn't have done it without her. I felt I'd miss her and the art classes most of all," Lanora stated.

Lanora planned on getting married shortly after graduation and moving out-of-town. She also hoped to continue her art on her own, as "I wouldn't feel right if I stopped doing my artwork." Lanora became involved in art as a mere seventh grader and continued on straight through her senior

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Leathercrafts

In certain classes, bursts of involuntary laughter could be heard—those were usually the classes Jerry Johnson was in. Constantly cutting up and making others laugh, Jerry was the kind who'd tell you he'd gotten that book.

His involvement in leathercrafts and woodwork got him the title of Outstanding Eagle. He said he'd been working on it for a while and was proud of getting the honor, although he said he'd never known the name until he was named.

Like Greg Landry, named to go to Tech, Jerry took Texas and study at Tech. He was excited about going into the big world yet "I look at Mrs. Abene High," he smiled.

Drafting

In the field of drafting, Greg Landry was thought the most outstanding. "I was happy to receive this honor—it sort of acted as a reminder of the work I did in this long, hard, back-breaking work! Just kidding!" Greg said in his normal, humorous way.

Greg's sister played a decisive role in Greg's getting into the course. "She outdid herself to get me to my potential," he explained.

Busy in the field of drafting with such things as the industrial art club (as officer and member for three years), and as a designer of a drawing in the UIL competition booklet his senior year, and a second place rating in State competition with his architectural model, Greg proved more than capable in this field.



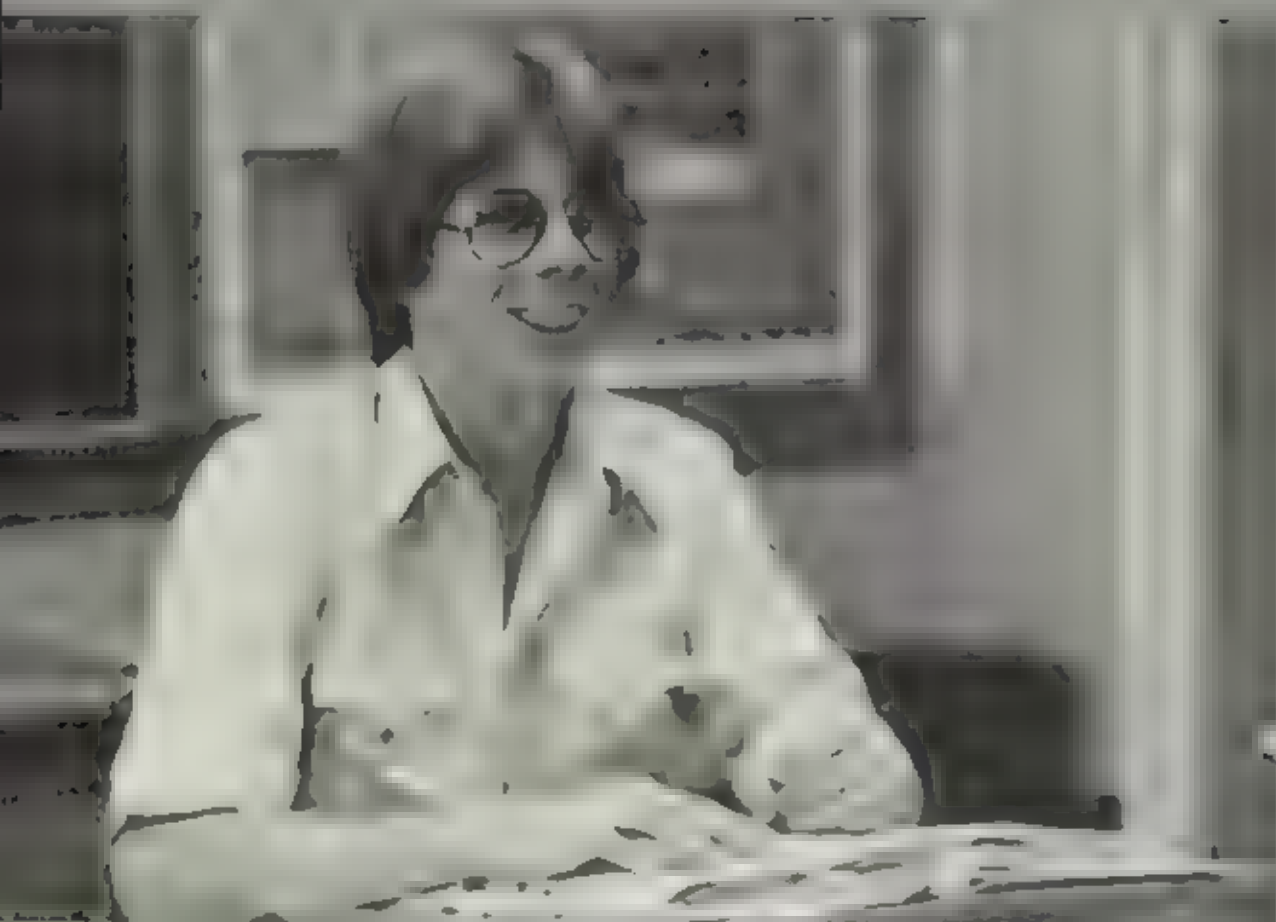
Smiling her usual friendly smile is Tracy Freed.

He went to Tech for Texas Tech and did architecture. Greg said, "There's bigger and better things in the future, and for that reason, I was excited."

Office education

When Regine Cooley heard she was named an Outstanding Eagle, she practically screamed with excitement. Later, she explained, "I felt that the honor of being an Outstanding Eagle was a privilege, because I felt that this position should

sitting backwards in a chair not only with  
 enthusiasm, but also with Jerry Johns in  
 sights from his peers.



have been given to a person who was not only  
 doing well in the subject, but also had good  
 relations with other students and the teacher.

Hopina was considered outstanding in office  
 education, a course that, "was going to have a  
 great bearing on my career." Through this program  
 Hopina found a secretarial job— "an interesting and  
 rewarding one." She planned on keeping that job  
 after graduation, and later attend a business college.

Sitting in her new Mercury Mini  
 gazes at the scenery around

Thumbing through a drafting book Greg Landry  
 at the same time waiting for another assignment.



Adding the finishing touches to his research paper  
 is Greg Landry.

Replacing a distributor cap may be hard for most but Tracy Lusk thinks of it as all in a day's work.

"You can take the boy out of drama, but you can't take the drama out of the boy," as Miss Pender's students are.



## Vocations add security to AHS'ers

### Cosmetology

Passing the state board examination for cosmetology was the most memorable event for Brenda Fagan, as she was involved in the cosmetology classes at Abilene High. Cosmetology would also serve as a part-time career while attending college at A&U.

When asked why she chose cosmetology, Brenda answered, "It was something I always wanted to do. I was always interested in make-up, clothes, and hair fashioning."

Perfecting her chosen field made Brenda Fagan a rewarding and deserving receiver of the Outstanding Eagle award.

### Electrical Trades

Looking forward to the future, Boyd Burleson, Outstanding Eagle for the vocational department, made many plans about his life after graduation. Boyd, dark haired and decked out in cowboy clothes, extended his future plans.

"I planned to enter the electrician's Union school for four years and then get my electrician's license."

Questions concerning how he got his start in electrical trades brought on some interesting responses.

"I was first influenced by my dad who was an electrician. But I also have two older brothers who were electricians. I guess it was a family

### tradition.

Also active involvement in Rodeo Club and FFA brought importance to Boyd's high school career.

### Refrigeration

"I wanted to attend TST in Sweetwater and someday own my own business." This was an estimated ten-year outlook for Doug Roberts, but with the determination and hard work he displayed in high school, the ten years may not have been so far off.

Receiving straight A's in the class, continuously working and helping the first year students seemed to be the reason, in Doug's eyes, that he was awarded the Outstanding Eagle award for refrigeration. He also considered his teacher, Mr. Davis, to be excellent in his field.

Although he wanted to own his own business, Doug did not rule out teaching his trade as a living.

The dedication and responsibility that Outstanding Eagle Doug Roberts displayed made him a very deserving recipient of the award. ICT.

"To me, Abilene High meant friendship and pride, for nothing bonded friendship and built pride like hard work under group situations. AHS helped me by allowing me to discover information that I could never have gotten hold of on my own."

Involvement in FFA and ICT, the field for which

Sometimes it really itches bad enough to scratch it and Brenda Fagan seems to have found solution to the problem.

he won his award, kept Mike Gillis pretty busy. Although when questioned about why he thought he received the award, he seemed skeptical.

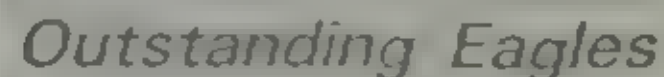
"I really don't know why I got the award over anybody else. I feel as if I don't deserve it and am extremely honored to get it."

Dedication to Abilene High and a determination to get his work completed gave Mike Gillis the qualities necessary to receive the award of Outstanding Eagle.

### Machine Shop

Always smiling, always joking around, Mike Pennell made almost everyone around him a little





Contemplating his next move, Mike calls debates on the question, "To do, or not to do."



Finding refuge in the cafeteria. Bowd Butlerson  
2nd 1/2 hr. has a 2nd session to

Tracy Lusk planned to continue his automotive mechanics training after high school by starting a full time job at Jim Convin Power Washers as a 4-year apprentice.

## Activities, friends keep students busy

### Photography

Being interested in journalism proved to be somewhat time consuming for Kevin Wishard named *Outstanding Eagle* for his time spent in sport, '90 and behind his camera elsewhere for photography. Fondly known as "The Wish", or simply "Wish", Kevin related well to his fellow buffs in both the Battery and Flashlight office.

Looking to the future, Wish planned to attend Abilene Christian University to study business and journalism as well as continue his pursuit in photography.

"I took photography I as a junior because I thought I'd be interested in it and kept with it. The most frustrating thing about photography is having to retake pictures," Kevin revealed.

Kevin spent other spare moments in the Battery office as Sports Editor and at work at the Town & Country.

One of the most lovable things about "The Wish" was his drunken looking grin and his sarcasm.

Thank you's to him and Richard Bradford rivaled. Looking at him, it would seem as if he could become everyone's friend all at once, but he was really a little too shy to handle that.

### Band

Kevin's time for Band Gold radiated from the sweet, innocent face of Jenny Davis. Perhaps it wasn't the devotion solely to Band Gold that emerged, but her voice, although quiet, always sounded ready to go.

For Jenny, Band Gold held many anecdotes—so many she missed South Padre which was the funnest. First, there was the mention of the disagreement about one of their uniforms (do wear the flap in front or not to wear the flap in front—that was the question). The two debated finally, on the time they were on the football field carrying their bags and got trapped inside a massive, moving mob of Eagle football players.

Jenny stayed involved in Band Gold for all three years of her junior years. Jenny's senior year was the best, and she was certainly busy with Band Gold and other activities such as Flashlight staff.

### ROTC

Extremely involved in ROTC, Melody Gratham received the honor of the title *Outstanding Eagle* for that very reason. "I think becoming corps commander in ROTC was the biggest thing that happened to me at AHS. It has helped me develop self-confidence and leadership qualities," Melody stated.

Melody had once said that ROTC was really better than its reputation it received due to a few snobs that joined the organization. There were also some pretty sharp people in ROTC that counterbalanced the bad publicity.

Commenting on her future, Melody said, "I planned to attend Texas Women's University and I hoped to take ROTC at North Texas State University. She also planned to major in physics and study computer science and math.

### Eagle

Her smile made her look quite young, due to the hippy quality it held, but Trena Deatherage could be heard laughing and talking in the usual senior manner that removed any previous doubt.

Planning to major in accounting at Texas A & M, it seemed only fitting for Trena to be named *Outstanding Eagle* in the business department.



Trena's most important event that happened to her in her high school term was the honor of graduating in the Top 25 of her class.

Trena's start in business courses began with VOE and accounting. She went to Regionals and State in the accounting division.

### Agriculture

Growing up among horses, it seemed the natural thing for Cindy Brabbin to get into agriculture in junior high and high school. "My dad probably was the strongest motivation I had," Cindy remarked.

Cindy bummed around a lot with the classy ropers and the silly "frats", and it was apparent she was a mixture of both breeds. Often seen together, Cindy and Trena Deatherage were sometimes quipped as inseparable.

Plans for ACU with a goal of an account major supplemented by a minor in ag led Cindy onward

### Chosen as Outstanding Eagle

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through high school where she did well enough to be ranked in the Top 25.



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Enjoying each other in a business course, Cindy Brabbin and Trena Duthwage take a little break to laugh and smile.

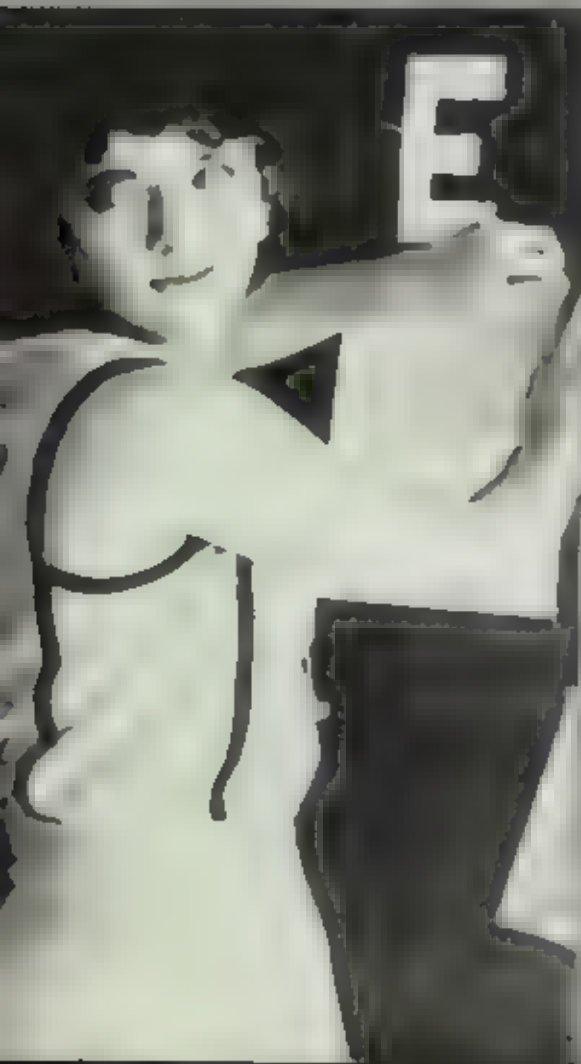
Working in her chemistry class, Melody Grantham openly displays her involvement in HCTC.



Cutting up with her drill team girls, Melody Grantham sometimes finds it hard to take control.

Working on her layout, Jenny Davis finds her extracurricular activities rewarding.

Turning to greet friends, Jenny Davis tacks up another notice on the Bold Gold board.





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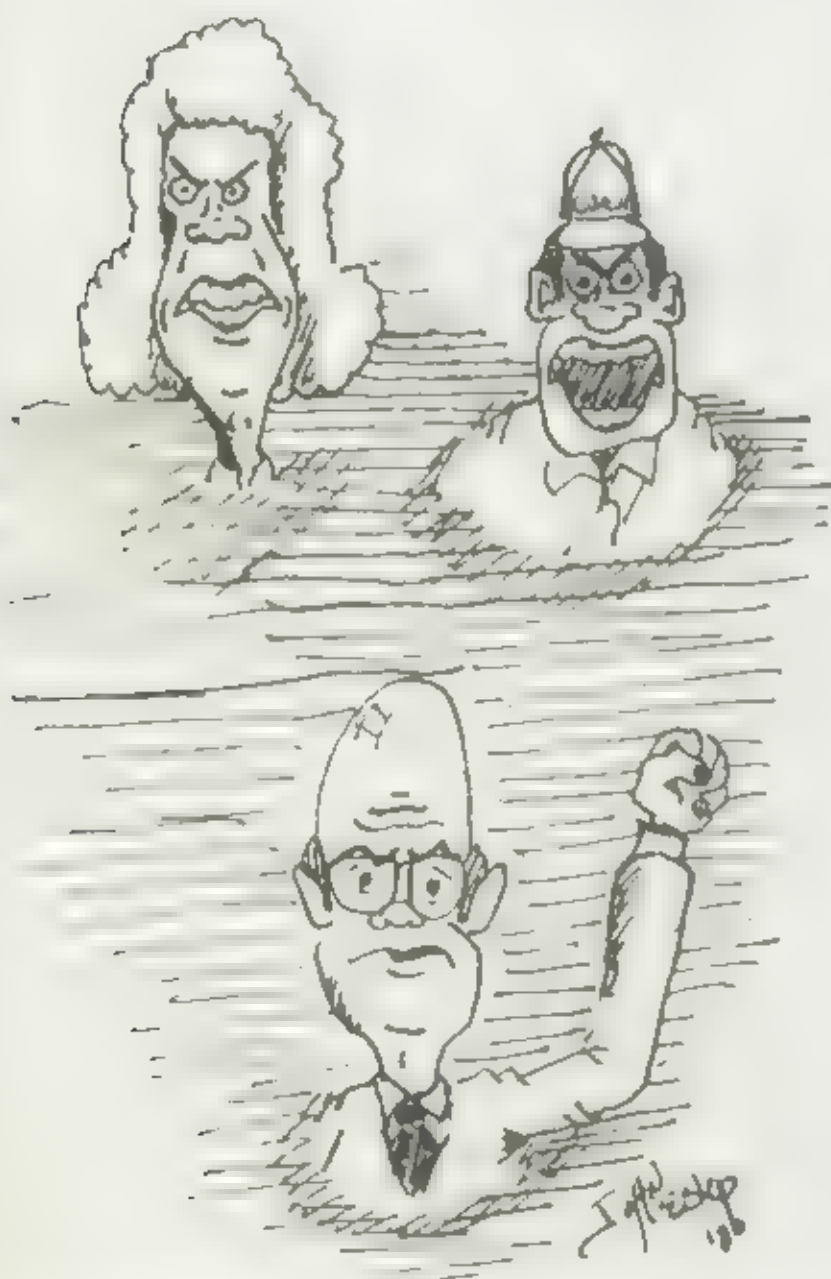
*Journalists succumb  
to various outlets*



Replacing a retiring Mrs. Davis, Peggy Payne learns her  
lies as head registrar



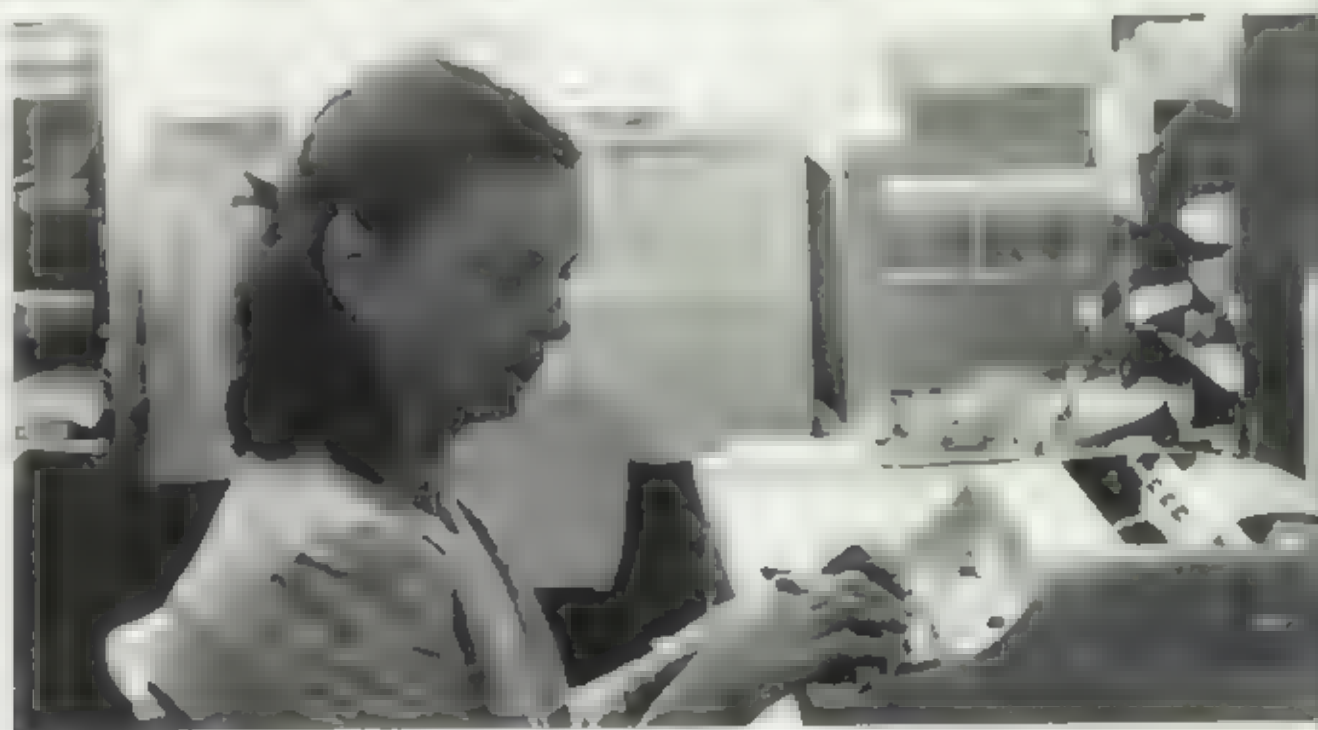
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Faculty  
Strict, straight  
But only because they have to be  
Laughing, enjoying  
"We are learning, too!"  
Faculty

er escaping the teacher stereotype, faculty members  
through life in a gross misconception

A black and white grid of 48 student portraits, arranged in 6 rows and 8 columns. Each portrait shows a young person, likely a high school or college student, from the chest up. The students are posed in a formal, slightly off-center manner. The grid is composed of individual rectangular frames, each containing one portrait. The overall layout is a uniform 6x8 grid.



134 Teachers are people too



Having the look of a satisfied customer Mr. Ron Esman enjoys the senior breakfast at McDonalds along with the students



## Teachers are people too

How would you describe someone who was as loyal to AHS and was as involved in the school as the student himself? How about trying the words "AHS faculty"? They busied themselves during the year by doing things as small as calling roll to big time consuming things as making home visits. Teachers were a significant part of the school year.

The student may have thought that once the 3:45 bell rang, the teachers at AHS no longer had anything to do with the school. This was not true. The faculty involved themselves with school functions ranging from sponsoring classes and clubs to coaching the Abilene High teams. They also helped out with dances and other school activities. Several of the teachers spent much of their time going to after school functions at AHS.

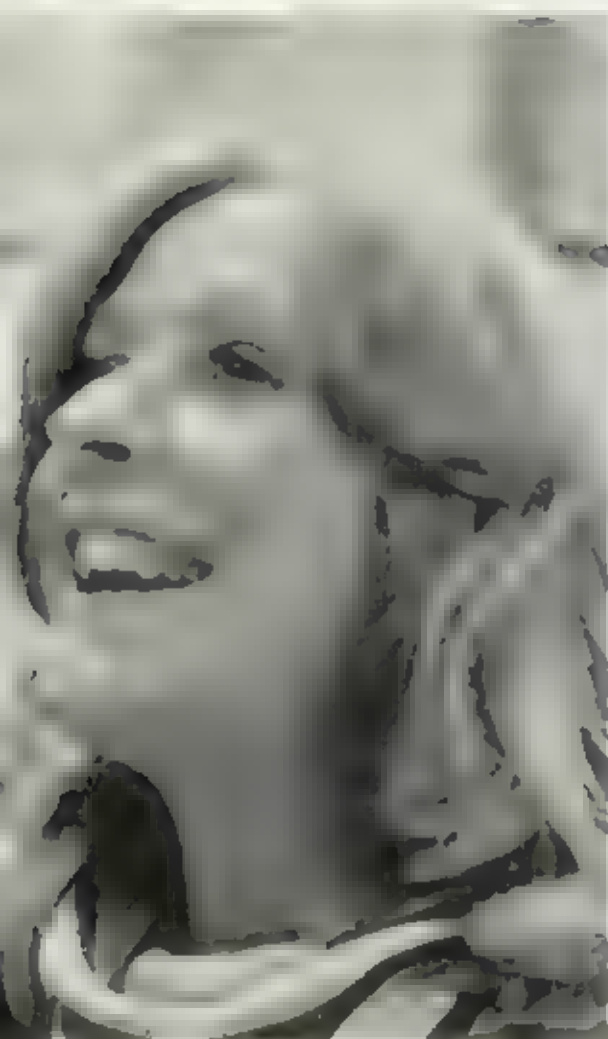
Some students thought they had no time for homework—but what about the teacher? Students got homework from five or six teachers daily. The faculty returned to their classes thirty papers, four times a day. Several did not have time to grade all the papers during school hours so they had

to take some home.

Teachers did not spend all of their time grading papers. They also had to prepare for classes. The faculty had to make their classes informative, full of life, and had to add a touch of variety. Daily work had to be prepared for each class, no matter the subject.

Despite popular belief, teachers did not spend all of their spare time and weekends reading the definitions in the dictionary. The faculty spent this time relaxing. Most had families and other outside interests. Their spare time was devoted to hobbies and other things ranging from sewing to private business.

Most of the students at AHS became close to one or two of their teachers. During the course of the school year ties were made between students and teachers. These bonds would never be broken. There was an underlying respect between the two. The students were constantly reminded that the AHS faculty were not only people but they were also friends.



Watching Bold Gold learn a new routine, sponsor Karen Glover seems pleased with their progress



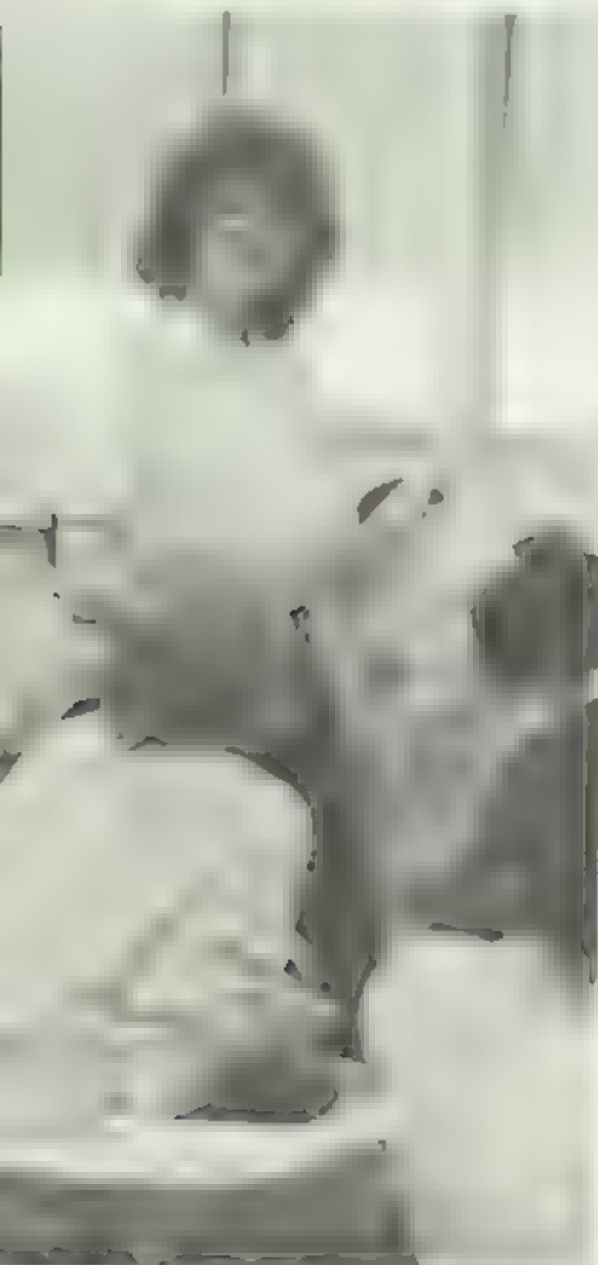
Anxious students show Mr. Olson that they know the answer to his question

Giving eye examinations is all in a day's work for June Whitt



Devotion and understanding to her profession make Nurse June Whitt a great help. Although wheeling John Brechen down the hall, Nurse Whitt proves being sick is not always a joy ride.





Reviewing the homework from the day before, Mrs. Kayla McDonald goes over the algebra assignment

## Old and New still learning

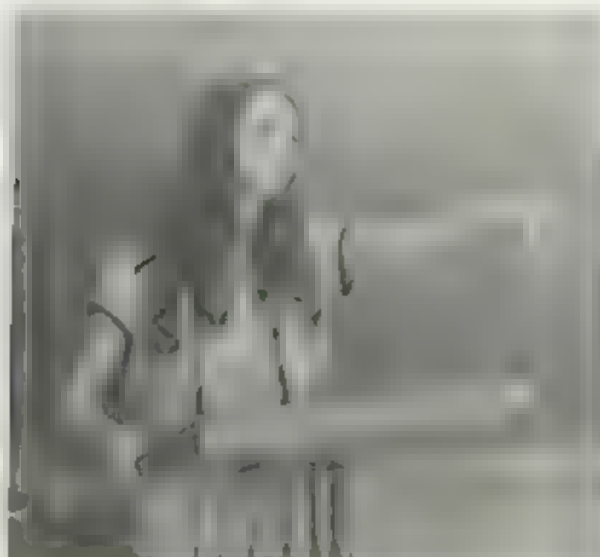
When the word "new" was thought of this past year, it was thought of in terms of being "unused," "never having been," or "inexperienced." This described a few of the recently hired teachers. Some had had other instructing jobs before coming to AHS. The experienced brought different and interesting ideas to AHS.

Their teaching qualifications ranged from coaching sports to teaching an English class. The teacher not only had to know the subject matter but also the student. In every field the teacher had to deal not only with each set of students but also with each one on an individual basis.

Along with being the instructor, the teacher was also being instructed. They learned from making mistakes themselves and also seeing others make them. By doing this they caught on to life at AHS faster.

They were considered the new kids on the block for a while because they did not understand how AHS was run. They had to figure out even the most trivial matters before teaching could begin. Once they caught on to how things worked at Abilene High they were fine.

This group brought new blood into the system. They were able to show the faculty fresh techniques and ideas. This also worked visa versa. The faculty was able to show the new teachers things that worked in class rooms and things that did not. Therefore both groups were able to function better as a whole. The new working along with the already stable faculty were able to cooperate and get the job done.



Using hand gestures is an important factor in speaking, as Mrs. Susan Faircloth demonstrates

If a student was sick this past year they would have gone to Mrs. June Whitt for a cure—or at least something to help the pain. Mrs. Whitt has been with Abilene High for the past twelve years and with the public schools for the past thirteen years.

Before coming to AHS Mrs. Whitt spent most of her time in elementary and junior high schools. She was not sure what to expect from high school students. Nurse Whitt felt that she would not be of much use at AHS in the beginning. Feeling that the students would be grown-up and adult like kept her unsure. Once she got here, she realized that the students needed her more than she thought. Mrs. Whitt was kept busy with first-aid, counseling and guidance. AHS kept her on her toes.

Doing volunteer work took up a lot of the nurse's time. She worked for the Red Cross as a volunteer, and also served as the chairman for the Nursing Committee for the same organization. Mrs. Whitt was also treasurer of the Texas School Nurses Association.

When she was not busy with volunteer work she enjoyed fishing, sewing, and handwork. Mrs. Whitt liked visiting old cemeteries, saying the writings on the tombstones were pretty. She also enjoyed cooking. The only thing she did not like was housework—but that was understandable.

Nurse Whitt said she enjoyed being with the faculty and the students at AHS. They kept her occupied most of the time. She tried to keep both the students and the faculty in good mental and physical health.



As the end of the semester draws near Mrs. Karen Walls and students discuss grade point averages



## Administrators devote time to school

Administration was defined in the dictionary as "the group of persons in charge of the management of affairs. This described the Abilene High administration completely. They had to be sure that AHS was run properly and smoothly and yet not become impersonal. The administration accomplished both.

The advisors devoted much of their time to ironing out wrinkles within the school. They worked with things ranging from stacks of paperwork to dealing with students on an individual basis. The administration had many responsibilities in the school and were able to carry each out to the fullest.

These people became the adult supervisors the students needed and at

the same time were able to develop friendships with them. If a student ever needed help with a special problem the administration was always there to give the help and advice they needed.

Not only did the students get along well with the administrators but the faculty also. Each of these groups were able to cooperate and make things at Abilene High click together.

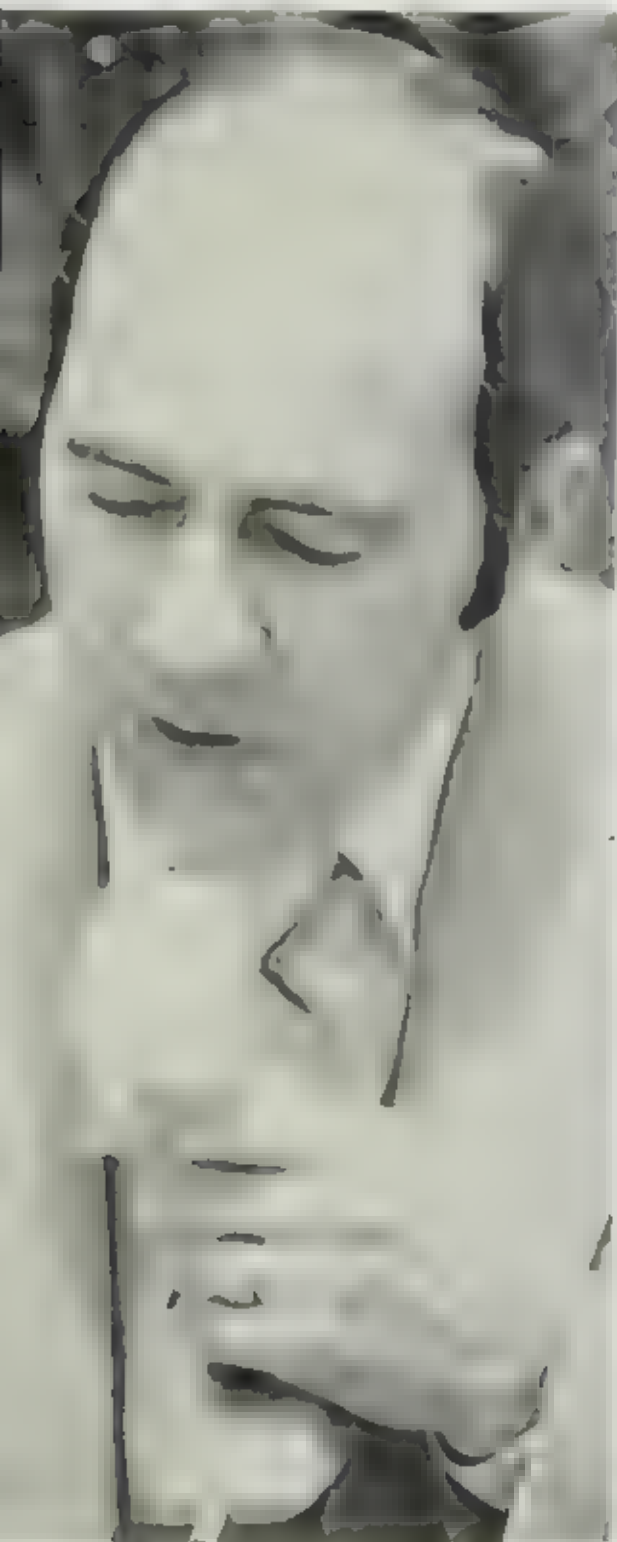
The advisors could be seen at every school function and seemed to enjoy each one. They had a good outlook on the students and the activities they were involved in. The AHS administration was truly a big part of the school and the students in it.



Keeping things in order Dean Nichols directs the Macho Man Contest

Talking on the telephone, Mr. Gayle Lomax finishes up daily business

giving the morning announcements is just part of the many things Mr. Lynn Nichols does to fill his schedule.



New to Abilene High, Mr. Lynn Mendenhall takes a break after a long day.



- Mr. Joseph Keys
- Mrs. Glenda Rickland
- Mrs. Roxanne Klump
- Miss Ann Lamb
- Mrs. Linda Elrod
- Miss Kayle Lomax
- Mr. Joel Lynn
- Mr. Glen Maddox
- Mr. Lynn Mendenhall
- Mr. Chester McAlpin
- Mrs. Jean McClure
- Mr. Lynn Nichols
- Mr. Wes Odell
- Mr. Norman Olsen
- Mrs. Peggy Paine
- Mr. Duane Pierre
- Miss Carolyn Presswood
- Mrs. Dorothy Presswood
- Mrs. Libby Putz
- Mrs. Bette Rapson
- Miss Pam Raughter
- Mrs. Evelyn Raymond
- Sp. John Rasing
- Mr. Steve Riland

## Unseen hands improve appearance

Keeping Abilene High School sparkling was a big task. Doing the regular day-to-day jobs kept the maintenance people occupied. They came early to get a head start, only to stay after school to finish up. They worked at Abilene High for the better part of each day.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, vandals broke into Abilene High and caused a great deal of damage. This was a tough job to clean up. The janitors spent several days mopping and sweeping. They had the building spic-n-span by the time the faculty and students returned from their vacations. Keeping the building in order was not all the janitors did. They also worked on the grounds around the school. They kept the lawn clipped and also picked up trash that had somehow missed the trash cans. The janitorial staff helped to maintain a

pleasant atmosphere at AHS

The maintenance staff not only worked before and after school, but they could also be found scattered throughout the building during the holidays. They began their "spring cleaning" in March. This consisted of moving each desk out of every classroom, mopping and sweeping the floor, only to put everything back in its original place.

The crew kept the classroom and halls from being cluttered with junk. They kept the grounds neat and clean. These people worked above and beyond the call of duty to make the building and grounds appear attractive. So through thick and thin the janitorial staff always pulled through and could be considered the unseen hands at Abilene High School.

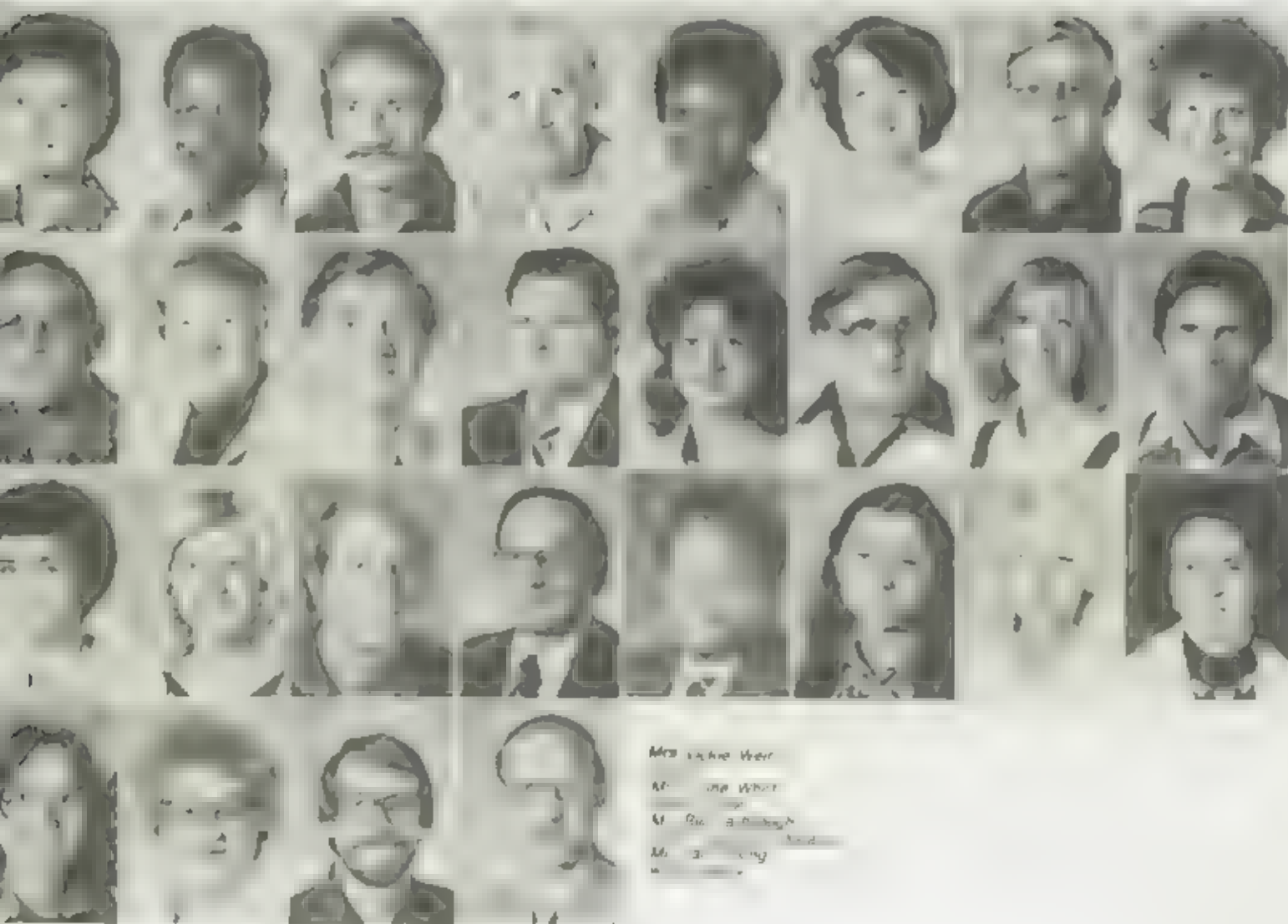


Mowing the front lawn, Mr. Robert Gregory gets a head start on the day's work

Changing the coke machine in the teacher's lounge is the head custodian, Mr. Willie Johnson



After the vandalism at AHS, the janitors spent their holidays cleaning the halls and rooms



Mr. William Holsapple  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
 Mrs. Jane Sell  
 Mr. Keith Spierman  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
 Mrs. Linda Smith  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
 Mrs. Karen Stachewitz  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
 Mrs. Kay Taylor  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
 Mr. Mike Holsapple  
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 Mrs. Kaye Watkins  
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## Faculty of tomorrow learn today

Being a student teacher at AHS was a nerve racking hair raising experience. Although many days were spent just sitting at the back of the classroom taking notes on teaching methods, they also had their chance to perform while their professors evaluated them. It seemed like the classes were quiet until the student teacher got up to do his or her thing. A sudden metamorphosis would occur and the kids would transform into an unruly, notorious mass

making some future teacher reconsider their major. Sometimes a class would take pity on them long enough for the student teacher to make a good impression on their professor evaluating them. Eventually during their teaching career at AHS, a strong attachment would sometimes occur and small good bye parties would precede the student teachers' farewell.

All in all, student teaching was a learning and growing experience.

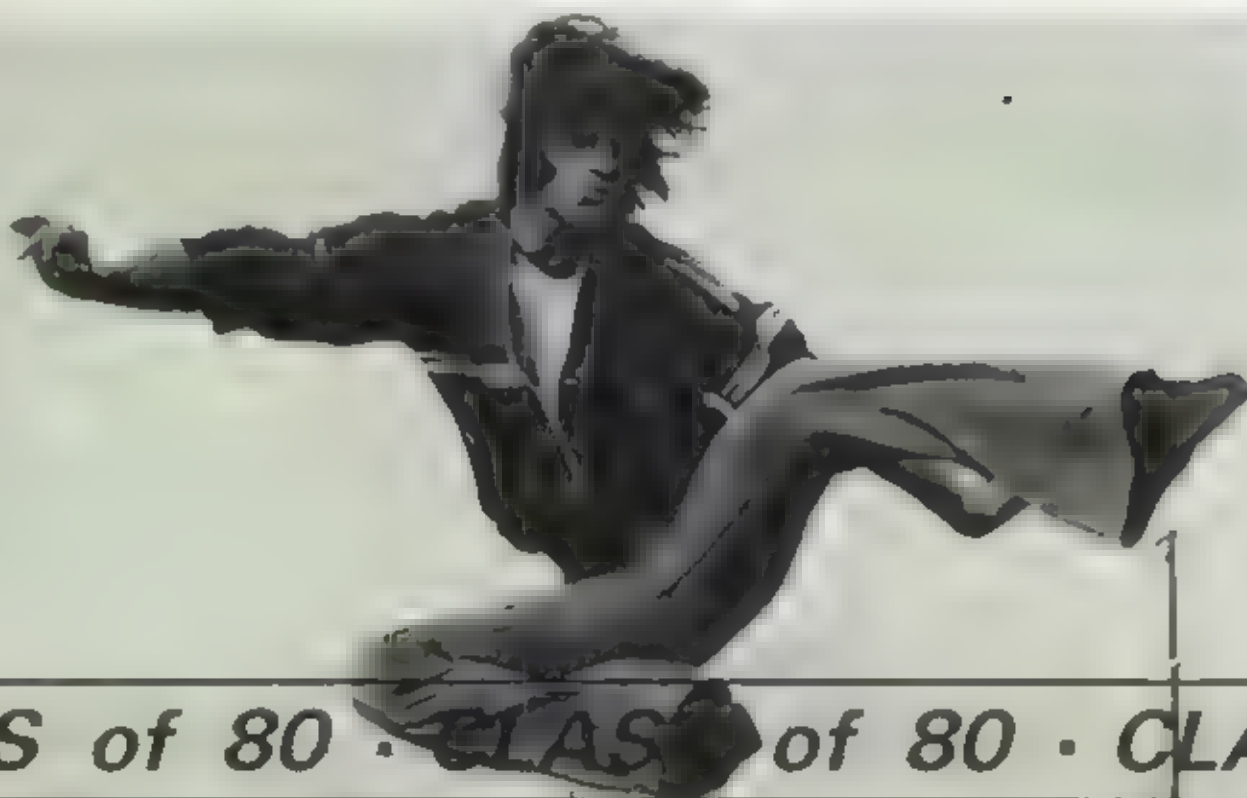


Focusing his attention on the painting, Mr. Jon Dward helps a student in the final stages of her project.



After handing out the English worksheet, Mrs. Hansor helps the pupils to better understand the assignment.

Active lifestyles proves to be the vogue of the 1980 Senior class as Ricky Maderia adds excitement to his last year of high school



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Seniors

*Funloving, anxious*

*Ready for life and living*

*Beginnings, endings*

*'Where do I go from here'*

Seniors

ing on the top of the totem-pole, the 1980 Senior class lives their last year in high school to the fullest



# Senior breakfast is smashing success

Enjoying an early morning breakfast the seniors ate a victorious game

With Egg McMuffins, scrambled eggs, hotcakes, coffee, juice and soft drinks, the senior class gorged themselves. As a tradition at Abilene High, the senior class held its annual breakfast at MacDonalds to enhance spirit for the Big Spring football game. A parade led by a pick-up and trailer hauling a steer, the mascot of Big Spring, circled the school premises

Horns and beepers going, the senior class raised spirit through the surroundings of AHS. This spirit excited even the drivers who became involved in the atmosphere. A six car pile up occurred on the corner of North Sixth and Shelton that resulted from the exciting atmosphere. This incident only caused more spirit to rise which led to another AHS Victory. Fulfilling its main purpose, the senior breakfast and parade united AHS students as a whole



Barbara Abela  
Lewis Adams: FFA—1; VICA 581 secretary—2, 3  
Regina Adams: VOE—3; FBLA secretary—3  
Greg Adkins Varsity football—2; VICA 581 sergeant at arms—3  
Thomas Burt  
Rosalie Aquino: Bold Gold—1, 2; Supremus - 1 2; Spanish club—2; DE club—3; FHA—3

Kenneth Bailey: concert choir—1, 2, 3 band—1, 2, 3  
Michael Bianciare: concert orchestra—1, 2, 3 region orchestra—2, 3; president—3; varsity gymnastics—1, 2, 3; ROTC—1, 2, 3; Eagle mascot—3; barbershop quartet—2; Eagle Revue—1; Macho man—3  
Cindy Barefoot: Bold Gold—1, 2, 3, Caparella—1, 2  
Jim Barker: concert orchestra—1, 2, 3; who's who—2

Johnny Barrera: Varsity basketball—3; VICA 581 treasurer—3; JV basketball 2 varsity tennis—2  
Lori Bearden: VICA—2, 3; cosmetology—2, 3, band—1, 2; Puellae—1, 3; secretary—2  
Jill Belcher: cosmetology—2, 3; VICA—2, 3; Caparella—2; parliamentarian/historian—3; JV basketball—1  
Almee Bell  
Ramona Billings  
Stacie Biahax

Gail Blanco  
Deborah Blank  
Carrie Blondeau  
Faye Bobo: FHA—1, 2; Historian club—3  
Dan Bordelon  
Becky Bourland



Charlie Collins eats an Egg-McMuffin, he grins with anticipation as his mouth waters for the first bite



Keeping up with the traditional senior breakfast! Dixie Craig, Susan Watts and other students symbolically eat more beef



Carl Bowles: VICA parliamentarian—3  
Cindy Brabbin: FFA—1, 2; vice-president—3  
NHS—2, 3; Bold Gold—1, who's who—2, 3  
Richard Bradford: band—1, 2, 3, NHS—2, 3; who's who—2, 3; TFTA—3; chess club—2, 3; barbershop chorus treasurer—3; all district choir—3; area alternate—3; Battery—3; math history club—3; National Merit scholarship semi-finalist—3  
Randall Bradshaw: varsity tennis—1, 2, 3; NHS—2, 3; French club—1, 2, 3; science club vice-president—3; who's who—2, 3  
Marcus Brecheen: band—1, 2, 3; student council vice-president—2; class favorite—2  
Sing Song student director—3; class officer—3  
Cindy Britton: track—1; OEA—2, 3

Adam Burch  
Boyd Burleson: FFA—1, 2, 3; VICA—2; vice-president—3  
Carl Burleson  
Brad Burkett: ICT—3  
Diana Butler  
Karen Burton

Kevin Cadwell  
Mark Catley: FFA—1, 2; varsity gymnastics—2; team captain—3  
Kent Cannon  
Ruben Centu  
Melody Carson  
Lisa Carter

Greg Carter: science club—2; president—3; math club—2; vice-president—3; German club—2, 3; NHS—2, 3; band—1; varsity cross country—1, 2, 3; varsity track—1, 2, 3; regional qualifier cross country, mile—2; who's who—2, 3  
June Carter: OEA—2, 3; secretary/treasurer homeroom—3  
Cathy Carver: homeroom representative—1; Bold Gold—2; cross country—2; cheerleader—3  
Omega Castillo  
Tim Castner  
Rocky Champion

Taking time out of her busy schedule, Susan Bo looks over her Sing Song agenda



## Seniors attend twenty year reunion

Champions, leaders, lovers, and speakers"—lyrics that depicted today's lifestyles and hang-ups filled the air as the senior class gave their presentation for Sing Song '79.

The stage was time warped into the year 2000 where beings from the 20th century held their 20 year reunion. Dressed in a blue and white garb that was futuristic in design, the seniors sang of the many problems of the '70's. Among these were the ups and downs of the Eagle football team, SALT II talks, and the energy crisis.

The theme of Sing Song projected the idea that no matter what crisis presented itself the Eagles would always remain Eagles. With this thought in mind the senior class went on to claim the number one spot in Sing Song '79.



Practice makes perfect as shown by the senior

Craig Chesser  
Gary Clark  
Charlene Claxton  
Thomas Claxton ICT—3; VICA—3  
Gaylene Clevenger  
Lisa Clevenger: Bold Gold—1; varsity  
swimming—1, 2, 3; team captain—2, 3







Cynthia Cobb  
 Barbara Coddington  
 Charlie Collins: Christian club—1  
 2, sophomore select president—1  
 2, choir librarian—2, president—3  
 1, 2, captain—3; all-region choir—1, 2  
 1, alternate—3; Sing Song host—3  
 1, 2, Eagle Revue—1, 3  
 Terri Collins  
 Diane Connally  
 Lonnie Conner

Anna Contreras  
 Regina Cooley band—1, Christian club—1, 2  
 OEA—2; vice-president—3; FBLA vice  
 president—3  
 Pam Copeland: OEA—1, 2  
 Rhonda Coppedge  
 James Cortinas: Spanish club—2  
 Rosita Costello

Suzette Cox  
 Jimmy Craft  
 Dixie Craig: Flashlight—1, Bold Gold—1  
 OEA—2, 3, Rodeo club—2  
 Laura Craig: French club—2, choir—1, 2, 3  
 1, 2, 3, area—3, Eagle Revue  
 Joanna Crawford: Bold Gold—1, 2; squad  
 leader—3, Caparelia—1, 2, treasurer—3  
 student council chaplain—3; French club  
 choir—1, 2, 3; Eagle Revue—1, 3  
 Sheila Cummings: choir secretary—1, varsity  
 1, Bold Gold—2, homeroom  
 representative—2; French club 2: Ta Ta—1  
 1, 2, vice president—3

Christy Cunningham: Bold Gold—1, 2, squad  
 leader—3; cosmetology—2, 3; VICA—2, 3  
 Billy Curtis: JV football—1, varsity football—1  
 FFA—3, CVAE—3  
 Lesa Cutbirth: OEA—2, 3  
 Syndi Darnell: Bold Gold—1, 2, 3; VICA  
 secretary—3; cosmetology—2, 3  
 Pam Davidson: Varsity tennis—1, 2; historian  
 president—3; HOSA—3, Flag Corps—3  
 1, 2, 3

Belinda Davis: Bold Gold—1, German club—1  
 2, 3, OEA—1

Jenny Davis: Caparelia—2, Caparelia vice  
 president—3, student council historian—3  
 Bold Gold—1, 2; secretary—3; Flashlight—3

Kathy Davis: Battery—1, cosmetology—2, 3  
 VICA—2, 3

Judith Dawkins: FFA—1, FFA—2, TFTA  
 1, 2, squad leader—3, Sing Song  
 Bold director—3, French club—2

Rhonda Deatherage: band—1, 2  
 1, 2, OEA—2, FBLA reporter—3

Trena Deatherage: Bold Gold—1, VOE—2, 3  
 NHS—2, 3; OEA—2, 3; who's who—2, 3  
 Thad Decker: varsity tennis—1, 2; NHS—2  
 industrial arts club—1, 2, 3

Debbie Dempsey: drama club—1, 2, 3  
 FFA—1, Bold Gold—1; speech team—2, 3  
 Battery—1, 3, feature editor—2, homeroom  
 1, 2, 3

Beth Denney  
 Gary Drew  
 Evelyn Diaz  
 Larry Dosey  
 Ricky Duncan: FFA—2, 3

Lesla Dunn  
 Debbie Easley  
 Denise Ech  
 Rodney Edwards: FFA—1  
 Sharla Elam: Tama Wa—1, 2, 3  
 Jackie Escobar

## Seniors indulge in traditional activities

Assuming the traditional role as leaders of the school, seniors were known to show some of their superiority to the lower classmen, as in stealing the show in the 1979 Sing Song. The senior class won first place in vocal and costume.

Seniors had many responsibilities to prepare themselves for graduation. First of all they had to make sure they had enough credits to graduate. It was then time to order graduation announcements and measure for cap and gown.

Once the plans for graduation were taken care of, there was time for enjoyment. The season started out with

the traditional senior breakfast, which took place on the morning of the Big Spring football game. The other planned senior activities were scheduled toward the end of the year, such as the trip to Six Flags, senior picnic, Senior Follies and the newly acquired Senior Prom.

Many seniors sighed with relief, for the fact that those 12 long years of school and hard work were finally over, but for others it was only the beginning. For some there was college to attend to get a jump in the business world.

With fond memories, many 1980 seniors looked back on those high school years as the most fun years of their lives.

While enjoying the pep rally Penny Gragg and Kar Fuller unite to sing the school song.



Sharon Escobar  
Linda Espinoza  
Anita Estrada  
Patty Elter  
Julie Eversdyke  
Brenda Fagan

Tammy Farmer  
Carol Fields, Tri-Hi-Y—1, 2 secretary 3, Bold Gold—1, French club 1  
Brent Fine  
Gather Fletcher J.V. tennis—1, 2, 3, VICA—3  
Debate 2  
Kirsty Floeck  
Debbie Flores Bold Gold—1, 2 Var tennis—1  
Corresponding Secretary—2 Flashlight  
Jaff—2 Exchange club—1 Homecoming

Manuel Flores  
Mary Flores  
Olivia Flores  
Franci Ford  
Gail Foreman  
Mindy Foster





Jerl Francis  
 Phyllis Franklin  
 Tracy Freed: Drama Club—1, 2, 3, speech  
 team—3, UIL one act play—2 Drama—1, 2  
 3, TTB C.—Vice President—1, 2, 3, French  
 Club—1, 2, 3, Bold Gold—1, 2, Historian  
 Club—3 FTA—3 NHS—2, 3  
 Tonya Freeman, Tri-hi-y—1, chaplain—1  
 OFA—2 secretary—3 Bold Gold—1  
 Karen Fuller, swim team—1 student  
 2, 3, Who's Who—2, 3  
 French C. 2, 3, Eagle Revue—1, 1  
 Derek Gaines

Gail Gaines  
 Gary Gains  
 Alice Garca  
 Mary Garica  
 Jana Gerner  
 Toni Garza

Joe Bob George  
 Melinda George  
 Ricky Gibbs: FFA—1, 2, sec—3, poultry state  
 judging team—1 meat judging team—3 sing  
 song  
 Richard Giese  
 Billy Gilbert  
 Felecia Gil

Rhonda Gillis: Bold Gold—1, 2, Casperella  
 Tri-hi-y—1, 2, president 3, speech team—1, 2  
 3, Flashlight staff—2, asst. editor—3 Student  
 council—3 Photography club—3  
 Mike Gladish: Who's who—3, Flashlight—2, 3  
 J.V. tennis—1  
 Liz Gonzales  
 Pat Gonzales  
 Sandra Gonzales  
 Rachale Goodman

Wesley Gorman: Football, track—1, 2, 3  
 NHS—2, 3, Who's Who—2, 3  
 Penny Gragg: Choir—1, 2, 3, Harmony—3  
 Tama-Wai, Treas.—2, pres.—3, French  
 club—2, 3, NHS—2, sec—3  
 Glen Grant  
 Melody Grantham  
 Jeff Gray  
 Don Graydon



Answering the request line Laura Craig talks to  
of many listeners of KRBC

## Radio day ends on sour note

Hey, all you guys and gals out in radio land. This is your rock and roll D.J. on Abilene high senior radio day!

If it sounded corny it was meant to be. The senior class of 1980 had a rock and roll-icing good time courtesy of KRBC radio station. A spirited group of seniors took command of the station at one o'clock Saturday afternoon. Their slightly nervous voices could be heard from radios all over the big country.

Air time was sold to local business men in Abilene. This space was used for the advertising of the businesses. Senior

students spent many hours writing and typing the ads that were to be read over the air by the air.

Radio day came to a close at four A.M. Sunday morning. The last of the senior students were a bit delirious from lack of sleep, but still in control. Advertisements were being ad-libbed and had regular intervals of laughter. As the seniors were signing off the air for the last time strains of a slightly off key and out of tune rendition of the school song could be heard drifting into the night.



Carolyn Green, Bold Gold—1, 2, 3  
hiv Swamasis—1, 2, 3  
Kevin Greenway J.V. tennis—2, 3; Speech  
debate—2, 3; Choir—1, 2  
Diana Greer Flashlight staff—1, 2; Bold  
Gold—1, NHS—2, 3; Tri-hiv—2, 3; homeroom  
off  
Eileen Greever Student council rep—1, 3  
Tale—2, 3; Photo club—3; Industrial arts  
club—3; Battery staff—2; Flashlight staff—3

Ricky Griffin FFA—1, VICA—3  
Robert Grimstead

Eddie Gulen Student Council Rep—1, Va.  
track—1, 2, 3; J.V. Football—1; Spanish  
Club—1, 2, 3; Science club—3; Industrial arts  
club—3; Key club—3; Who's Who—3  
Danny Gutierrez  
Peggy Gutierrez  
Darle Hammons Band—1, 3; Prop sergt—2  
Who's Who—2, 3; Christian club—1  
Carla Hanley  
Kathy Hampton

Leland Hardin  
Debra Hargeshimer: Bold Gold—1, 2  
NHS—2 sec—3; Who's Who—3  
Sharla Hargrove  
Mike Harris Drama—1, 2; Swim team—1  
Senior Follies—3; Eagle Review—3; HOE  
Treas.—3  
Sandy Harris  
Kim Hawkins

Terry Hawkins  
Dense Head  
Ron Heatherly  
Melody Reine Bold Gold—1, 2, 3  
Ramona Heisel French club—2, 3; German  
club—1, 2, 3; NHS—2, 3; Science club—3  
Christian club—1  
Beth Hendrix





Don Henry: Var Golf—1, 2, 3  
 Rachelle Herman: DE club—2, 3  
 F.H.A.—1, 3  
 Delia Hernandez  
 Gina Herndon  
 Diane Hester  
 Lorrie Higgs

Linda Hill: OEA—2, 3; Umissus—3  
 Vickie Hinojosa  
 Stariette Hinton  
 Greg Hodges: Student Council—1, 2; Ex-  
 change club Treas—2, 3; French club—1, 2  
 Excelsior—2, 3; Var tennis—1; NHS—2, 3  
 John Hoef: Band—1, 2, 3  
 Jeff Holt: Var basketball—2, 3; Var  
 Football—2; FCA—2

Kevin Hogg: Math club—1, 2, pres—3  
 Science club—1, 2, 3; NHS—2, 3; Who's  
 Who—2, 3

Jake Holt: German club—1, 2; vice pres—3  
 choir—1, 2, 3; Harmony—3

Vicki Hood: Band—1, 2, 3; Twirler—2, 3; Ta-le  
 Tri-hi-Y (chair) 2, 3; French club—2; Data  
 club—1, 2; Science club—3; NHS—2  
 Who's Who—2

Mark Hoover: Choir—1, 2, 3; Harmony—3  
 NHS—2, 3; Christian club—1, 2; French  
 club—1, 2, 3; Sing Song Host—3; Math  
 club—2, 3; Treas—3

Terry Houlihan  
 Maggie Howell: Bold Gold—1, 2; Christian  
 club—1, 2, 3; Lahan club—2; French club—3  
 Orchestra—1, 2, 3; Var Swim team—2, 3  
 Captain—3; NHS—2, 3

Jerry Hubbard  
 Evette Huber: Band—1; student council  
 rep—1; French club—1; Who's Who—3; OEA  
 rep—3

Joy Hulett  
 Weldon Humphries

Todd Hunnicutt: Industrial Arts—1, 2, 3  
 Reggie James: Band—1, (drum major)—2, 3  
 Student Council—1, 2, (pres)—3; Var  
 Tennis—1, 2; Who's Who—2



Looking over their lines, Ligh Ann Manis and  
 Richard Bradford wait patiently for the song  
 to end

## Senior identity shows through

Dear Diary

one of those days again . . . I was called into the principals office for throwing smoke bombs during the pep rally I tried to plead the Fifth Amendment like coach Watkins advised in Government, but I think I lost my case when the smoke bomb in my pocket ignited. Who said justice is blind?

It's not easy being a senior. There are days when I feel like never going back. There are too many problems that I have to face, taking tests, getting to class on time and just plain keeping out of trouble.

When you stop and think about it though you can't get a good start in this world without any education.

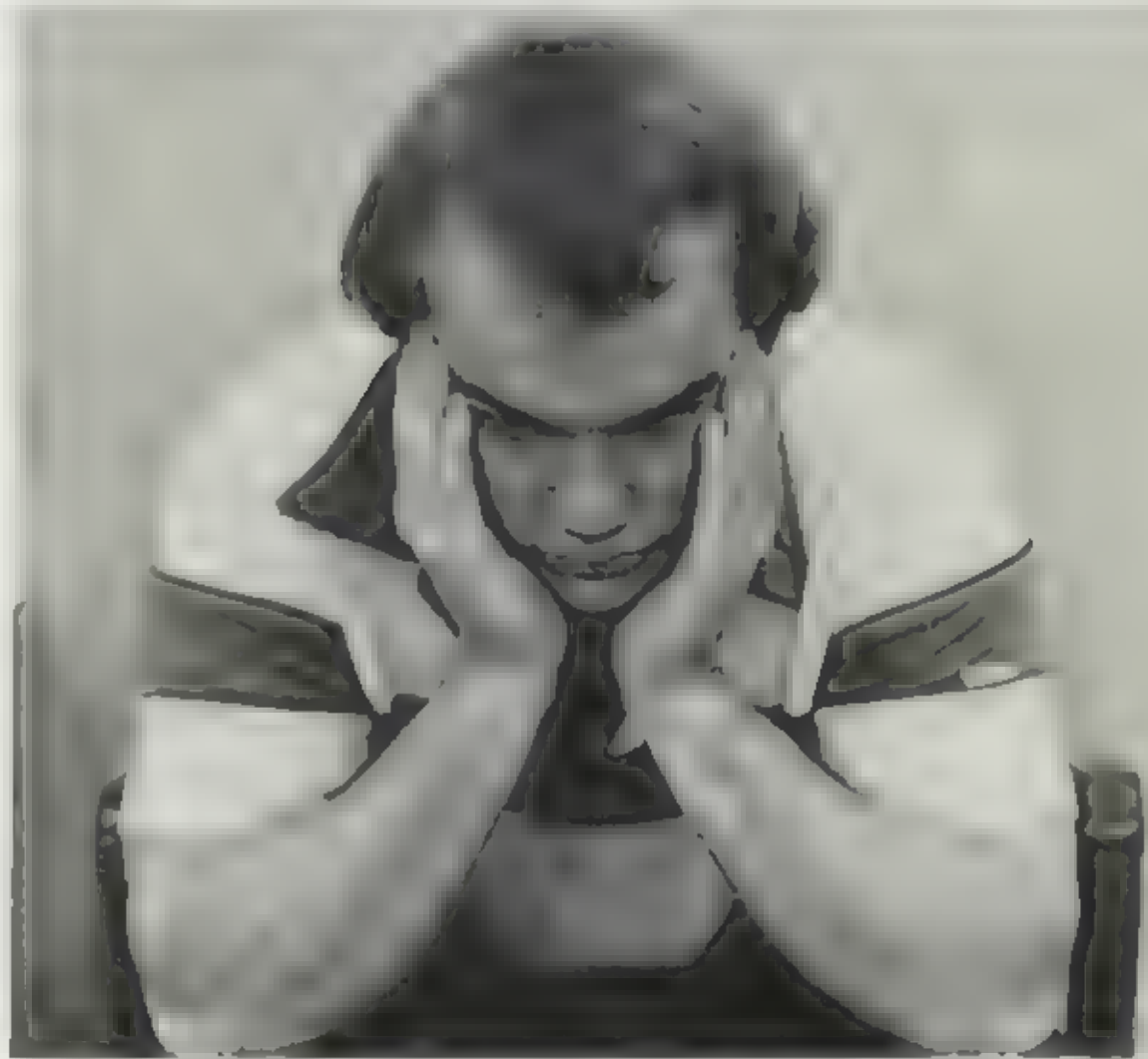
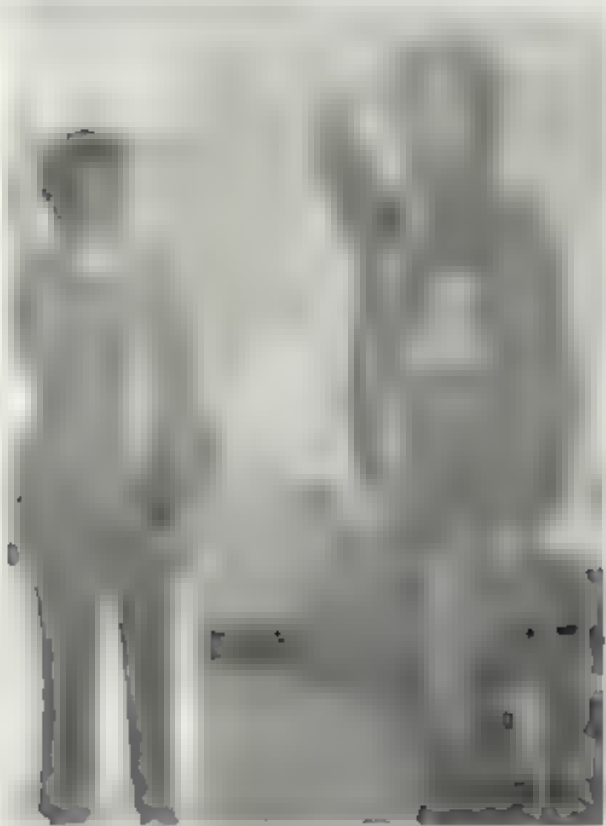
To go to college, or not to go to college? That is the question! I don't know if I could face another four years of school. For one thing there are so many expenses involved. The cost of beer these days is outrageous and there is talk of a revival of gold fish swallowing. You know I hate fish.

Well I guess I better go, thanks for listening.

Seniors 80!

Guilty looks are seen here as Alan Odstroil waits to see Mr. McAlpin.

Caught in the act by Mrs. Chalcraft is a very guilty Cat Stakes.



Brenda Jean FHA—1, Tri-Hi-V. Tama Wa 1  
2 3: NHS—2, 3: Bold Gold—1 OEA 3  
Kelly Jennings, Bold Gold—1, Tri-Hi-V. -2 3  
Jose Jimenez  
Lucinda Jimenez  
Kim Johnson  
Linda Johnson







Jerry Johnson  
Carol Jones  
Cindy Jones *FHA, pres.—3*  
Jacqui Jones  
Shane Jones  
rene Jurado

Lauryl Kays  
Randy Keeler: *FFA—1, 2, 3; VICA—2*  
Joel Kellum  
Kim Kennedy  
Margie Kersey: *Field Gold—1, 2; VOE—3*  
Gary Kinder: *Flashlight—2, 3; French Club—1*

Shari King: *Bold Gold—3, OEA—3; Historian club reporter—3*  
Jamie Klose: *NHS—2, 3; Bold Gold—1*  
Steve Knipps: *Choir—1, 2, 3; Barbershop vice pres.—2; pres.—3; French club—2, 3*  
Julie Komatz: *FHA—1, 2, 3*  
Kaye Land  
Greg Landry

Brenda Lanningham  
Dena Lantrip  
Jerry Lambert  
Chris Lathrup  
Doyle Lawson  
Rebecca Lawrence: *Orch—1, 2; Choir speech team—3; Drama—1, 2, 3; Chess club—vice pres.—2, 3*

Jenny Lee  
Betty Lewis  
Richard Lewis  
Craig Letz: *German club—1, 2; treas.—3; Science club—3; NHS—2, 3; Who's Who—2, 3*  
Judy Lin: *NHS—3; Science club—3; math club—3*  
Ed Lock: *Var. baseball—1, 2, 3*

Doris Lopez  
Elizabeth Lomas  
Gilbert Luna  
Tracy Lusk  
Leala MacDougall  
Dianna Macon: *Band—1, 2, 3; French club—1; Battery staff—3; Who's Who—2*

Ricky Maddera  
Michelle Mahanay: *Class Favorite—1, 2; Bold Gold—1, 2; Student Council Representative—2; Cheerleader—3; Who's Who—3; NHS—2, 3*  
Leigh Ann Manis: *Flashlight Student Life Editor—3; NHS—3; Key Club—3; Band—1, 2*  
Tim Mann: *Band—1, 2; German Club—2*  
Maria Martin: *French Club—1, 2; Class Officer—2; Siwanosis Tri-Hi-Y—1, 2, 3; NHS—2, 3; Who's Who—2, 3; Bold Gold—1*  
Student Council Representative—2  
Robert Martin

Bumper cars always enliven a trip to Six Flags as Dan Bardeian soon discovers



Ben Martinez  
Rosalinda Martinez  
Denise Mayhew

Treas—1 French  
Chair—1 2 3 Harp  
NHS—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Lori McAlister  
Kathy McAuliffe

State Solo Region Band—2  
Band—1 2 Band Officer—2  
Catherine McBride  
VJE—2 3 Band—2

Angela McCann  
Phyllis McCann  
Deborah McClain  
Doug McFadden  
Dorothy McFarland  
Dona McMillan

soph. select—1, German Club—2, 3

Mark McMillan  
Baseball—1 Drafting—1 2 Tuberos—1

Waley McNeil  
Sonia Meza  
Sara Medrano  
Robin Meador  
Umissus—3  
Ron Middleton

French Club—1 3 NHS—2 3 J V  
Umissus—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
Who—3

Theresa Miko  
Christine Miller  
Debra Miller  
var Tennis—1 2 3 Historian—3  
Umissus—1

Stuart Miller  
Jim Milkin  
Joe Mitchell  
Choir—1, Barber Shop—2, 3: VICA—3





## Yea! Six Flags!

On May 28, 1980, six busses loaded with seniors left the AHS parking lot at 7:00 a.m. for their annual trip to Six Flags. The busses had not quite made it out of town before one of the busses broke down. This left five slightly crowded busses to complete the journey to Dallas.

When the seniors finally arrived at the park they scattered to enjoy the various aspects of their surroundings, such as rides, shows, and an over abundance of good food. Long lines did not prove to be a problem as the park was somewhat empty due to the fact that it was a Wednesday afternoon.

As the time came for the seniors to depart, an exhausted group boarded the busses for home. Some seniors ended up standing and some ended up massaged and relaxed.



Pam Mitchell  
Ron Modesty  
Clarence Moore  
Donald Moore  
Sammy Montanez  
Kathi Morris

Pattie Morris  
FHA—3; Vice-Pres. Art Club—2; Vice-Pres.  
Hero/FHA—3  
Lora Mosley  
Soph. Sect. 1; Concert Choir—2, 3  
Historian Club—1, 2  
Linda Munoz  
Bill Nance  
Refrigeration—1, VICA—3; ICT—3  
Manuel Nieto  
Dale Nuber

Landra Oliver  
Vicki Olney  
Dennis O'Neil  
Scott Orr  
Student Council—1, 2; NHS—2, 3; Soph.  
Class Rep.—1, Sr. Class Rep.—3; French  
Club—1, 2; Exchange Club—2, 3; Spanish  
Club—3; Science Club—3; Band—1, 2  
Excalibur—2, 3; Who's Who—2, 3  
Elda Ortiz  
Bobby Overhiser  
Varsity Gymnastics—3; Historian Club—3,  
Young Life—3  
Don Owen  
Woodshop Club—1, Deca Club—2,  
HECE—3  
Rosemary Owen  
Ermelinda Palacios  
JoAnn Patino  
Mex. Am. Club, Sec. Treas.—1, 2; Bold  
Gold—1, 2; Cheerleader—3; FBLA—3  
Shirl Payne  
Woody Payton  
FFA—1, 2; Football—1 Var.—2, 3





Reading the English teachers workroom are student council president Reggie James and vice-president Alex Vasquez.

Mike Pennell  
Clarence Penna  
Mike Peoples  
Sandy Pequeno: Band 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12  
Z. J. Cosmetology 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12  
Hector Peralez  
Danny Perez

David Pierce  
Kim Pierce: Band Gold 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12  
Jr. Class Sec. & Treas. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12  
Sarah Pogue: NHS-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12  
Choir-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12  
Harmony-3, Band 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12  
Leader 3, Optimist Youth Apprec. Award-3  
Who's Who Among American High School Students-2, 3, Flashlight 1, Eagle Review 1, 2

Debra Porras  
Marina Portillo  
Dave Polts

Steven Powell  
Louise Prescott  
Russell Preston: Marching Band 1, 2, 3  
Sym. Band 1, 2, 3, Home Society 2, 3  
Teens Price  
Ken Ramey: Var. Tennis 1, Flashlight 3  
Jesse Ramirez

Tony Redman  
Melissa Reece  
Betsy Rhodes  
Brian Rich  
Jimmy Rich  
Mike Rich



## Student government aids administration



Striving to form a communicating link between the administration and the student body required the student council to use diplomacy and to have an understanding of both parties involved. The student council of the '79, '80 school year acted as the mediator in all issues which concerned both the students and administration.

Meetings were held during activity periods to discuss projects and issues proposed by the students. Two projects introduced by the council were, the construction of a crossing light to be installed by city, and the political rally for the election of the next years student council officers.

The problem of students j-walking across North Mockingbird was one of the major issues discussed during the year. Many accidents and traffic jams came as direct result of students not using the cross walk. With this in mind the council proceeded to devise a safety program for

the students to follow. Names of the j-walkers were to be taken and crossing guards were to "guide" the students across the street at the appropriate places. Fortunately the crossing light was installed eliminating the problem.

The election of the officers of the 1980 school year soon appeared on the councils agenda. A political rally was held for the candidates, giving them a chance to express their view points of the issues. Voting machines were obtained from the city giving the school the feeling of a real election. President Reggie Janes stated that the rally was a total success and that he hoped that it would become a tradition at AHS.

The accomplishments of the student council were greatly appreciated by the students and faculty. Their actions reflected the importance of a good student government and how AHS profited by the ambitions and goals they set.



Kelly Richer: HOCT-1, 2, 3, Ultimius, 3  
Indus. arts. Photo club 3  
Lori Ricker: Student council 1, 2, 3; Bold  
Gold 1, 2, squad leader 3; Battery-1,  
Flashlight-2; Exchange club 3  
Gina Riddle  
Cheryl Ridgway: Flashlight 2, 3  
Caparella-2, 3, sec. 3; Girls choir 3, hand  
bell-3; Eagle Revue-3  
Irma Rios  
Rosie Rios: FHA-1, 2; HOCT 3; J.V.  
Gymnastic 2

Rhonda Ritche  
Glen Ritter: Var Golf-2, 3; NHS 2, 3, Who's  
Who-2, 3, Industrial Arts-3  
Doug Roberts  
Laura Roberts  
Kelly Robinson: Soph. Select-1, Choir-2, 3  
Barber Shop-3; Industrial Arts-2, 3,  
Harmony-3; T.F.T.A.-3  
Danny Roach

Robin Robinson: Who's Who-2; Bold  
Gold-1 J.V. Gymnastics-2, 3; Rodeo Club-1  
Leta Ch. 2  
Gloria Rodriguez: Bold Gold-2; Deca  
Club-2, 3, FHA 3  
Jessie Rodriguez: Band-1, 2, 3; Var  
Tennis-1  
Martian Rodriguez  
Mac Rogers  
Susan Rose

Cynthia Rosser: Choir-2; Harmony-3, Who's  
Who-3; J.V. Basketball-1; Latin Club-1  
Linda Rush  
David Russell: German Club-3; J.V. Foot-  
ball, Basketball, Track-1, 2, 3  
Juke Salmon  
Valentine Sarazer  
Scott Sandefur



## Prom night inflicts hard rock

The social highlight of the senior activities was prom night. Gathering at the Civic Center the seniors were treated to a lukewarm dinner of roast beef, baked potatoes, and green beans, all catered by Mack Eipen's cafeteria.

Wayne Henington was on hand to take pictures of the couples. Cost of the pictures ranged from four dollars to nine dollars a package.

Entertainment was provided by the group Manum. A steady beat of hard rock filled the makeshift ballroom making

conversation and dancing impossible. Many sought refuge outside the building to escape the noise.

The people that left the prom early could be found in various night spots throughout the city, such as Graham, the Pelican restaurant and even at the roller rink. This and other activities compensated for the lack of adequate entertainment at the prom. It is certain that many will remember the events that took place for a very long time to come.



John Shugala

Benny Shelley: Choir 1, 2, 3; Eagle Review-1, 3; All-Reg. Choir-1, 2, 3; NHS 2, 3; Harmony 3

Linda Shale: FHA 1, 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y-3; Bold Gold-1, 2

Glory Seangusa

Connie Scott

Donna Schrieber: Gymnastics-1, 2, 3; Photography 2, 3

Donna Schaeffer

Joe Saucedo

Robert Sanders: M. Band-1, 2, 3; Sym Band-1, 2, 3

Mark Sims: VICA 3

Jimmy Sinclair: J.V. Football-1, 2, 3; Excalibur-2, 3

Jackie Sowell

Kim Spaulding

Don Spence: FFA-1, 2, 3; Science Club-3; French Club-2, 3; Who's Who-3

Kila Smith

Seth Smith: J.V. Football-1; Var Football-2, 3; Var Track-1; Sr. class pres-3; Battery 2

Mitchell Spivey

Tim Stahl

Don Steele

Kim Steele: Band 1, 2, 3; NHS 2, 3; French Club-2; Who's Who-2, 3; Data proc. Club-sec./treas-3; Caparella 2; Science Club-3

Cathy Stephenson

Eric Stevens: Speech, Debate-2, 3; German Club-1, 2; Treas. 3; Science Club-3; Key Club-3

Larry Stice

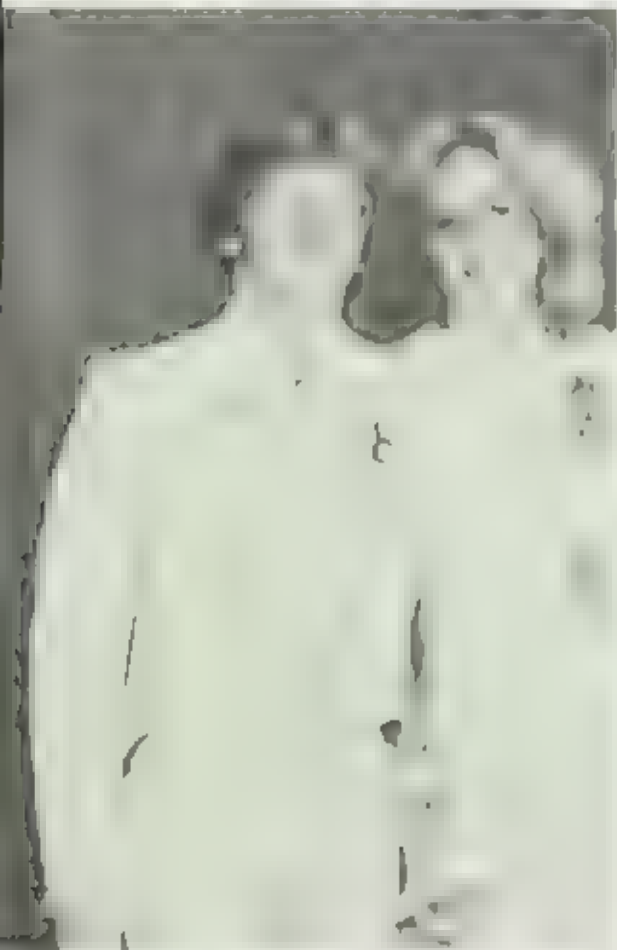
Delores Stokes





Waiting in line to have their picture taken are...

Caught up in the mood...



Pat Stokes  
Brian Stout  
Buddy Stout  
Chip Strain  
Dense Strawn  
Dense Stuart

Gary Sutton: Metal Trades-2, 3  
Debie Swaim: Basketball-1, FHA-1, 2, 3  
Helenia J.  
Tony Swindle  
Kim Tate  
Terry Tatum: B.T. 1, 2, 3  
Don Taylor: Flashlight-1, 2, 3

Ike Taylor  
Thomas Tekul  
Drenda Thomas: OEA-2, Var. Basketball-3,  
Who-2, 3, FBLA pres-3, Flashlight-2,  
NHS-3, Exchange club-1, UIL typing-1  
Tommy Thomas: Football, manager-2, 3  
VICA-3, choir-1, 3, Battery-1, 2  
Carrie Thorne: Bold Gold-1, 2, French  
Club-1, 2, Key Club-2, pres-3, Flashlight-1,  
sec. ed-2, editor-3, NHS-3  
Renee Timmons: OEA-1, pres-2

Suzette Tiriptz: Tama-Wai-2, Favorite-3  
Lupe Tonche: Var. Football-1, 2, 3  
Becky Trevino  
Marvin Trevino  
Arnold Trinidad  
John Turk: Var. Swim team-1, 2, 3,  
Flashlight-2, sports ed-3

Watching the sport from the bleachers

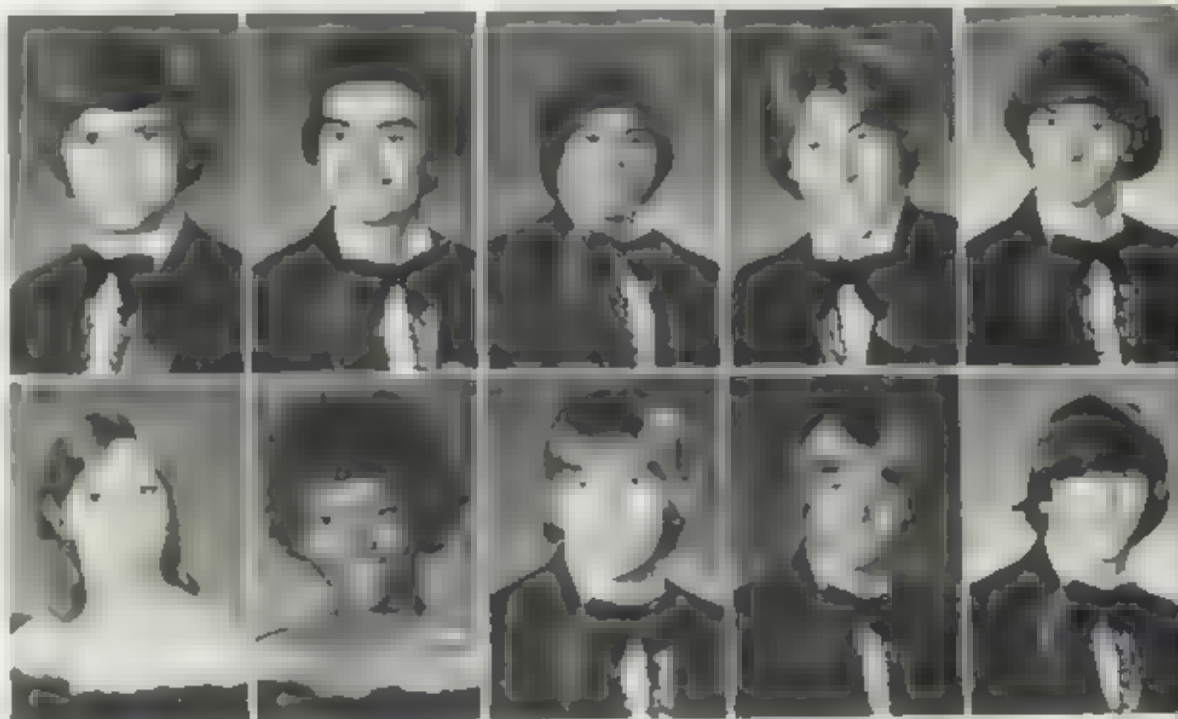
Softball practice often helps before one enters the game as Stuart Miller encounters the catcher catching the ball



David Varner  
F F A.—1, 2, 3; Tubaleros—1, 2, 3  
Alex Vasquez  
Exchange Club—3; Who's Who—3

Bobby Villareal  
Bobby Wagner  
Billy Wardrop

Viav Waldron  
Shirley Walker  
Eric Watson  
Gordon Ware  
Exchange Club—3; Science Club—3  
Scott Warren  
F F A.—1, livestock judging team—2



At last! The final week of school before graduation held many things for the senior class. Worries over grades and what to do after high school plagued the students, but a brief respite came when the seniors held their annual spring picnic.

Others played it by ear, concocting their own recreational activities such as laying out in the sun, hiking, and plain old goofing around.

It was a very special day for the seniors, as it was their last casual day together as a group before Baccalaureate and the long awaited graduation night!



Susan Watts  
 Choir—1 French Club—1, Christian Club—1  
 Bold Gold—1 2: Tama wa—1. 2: OEA—2. 3  
 Brad Welch  
 FFA—1 2 pres—3  
 Gary Westbrook  
 Kim Whalen  
 Tonya Wheeler  
 2: 1 BATTERY stall 2: OEA -2. 3  
 FFA -3

Teri Whetslone  
Tribby—1, 2, 3 Bold Gund—1, 2  
Brett Whitaker  
var Football—3, VICA reporter—3  
John Whitehorn  
Edwin Williams  
Randy Williams

Rex Williams  
Cynthia Willis  
*Bold Gold* ♀ *Ultimus*—1, 2, 3, *Cheerleader*—3  
Tony Wilson  
Dann Winters  
*Tu-hu-Y, pres.*, 2, 3  
Brenda Wise

Kevin Wishard  
Football—1, 2 Baseball—1, 2 Battery—3  
Photo Club, pres.—3  
David Wolfe  
Class Pres.—2 3. class fav.—1. student  
3. French Club—1, 2  
3. Excalibur

Sharon Worley  
OEA, sec —3  
Sharyl Young  
Band—1 2 3. "Battery"—2 3 Who's Who—2  
Christian Club—1 UIL Typing, Shorthand—2  
Simone Youngblood  
B. 2. Feature Editor—3; Tama Wai—3  
Ann — 3, G. J. — 3



Attempting to become cheerleaders over a year ago, the boys of the Middleton Vets. Club had a hard time taking a school sport



Hoping that B is his lucky number, Steve Koppa presents himself to the judge

Athletic ability and a pair of strong legs are needed by Jim Barker to cheerleader rights



Leading French Club students in high heels is Middleton Susan Boyd, and Gary Kinder

tempting to explain the nature of the show to a  
 thrilled Tracy Freed and a disinterested Rebel  
 Lawrence is Tony Redman



## Seniors stage steps to stardom

Highlighting the year with wit and  
 hilarity was Senior Follies. The diligence  
 and hard work exhibited by the seniors,  
 with Scott Orr directing, led to a  
 smashing performance

Reflections of the good ol' school days  
 was the theme of the Follies. Seniors  
 presented themselves in comical (almost  
 hilarious) skits. Cheerleading was never  
 so funny as when Ron Middleton, James  
 Barker, Wes Gorman, John Hoel, Steve  
 Knippa, Tommy Thomason and THE  
 DOG got together and displayed their  
 school spirit by becoming the most  
 motley group of cheerleaders ever  
 Among the other skits, a touch of foreign  
 intrigue was portrayed in an American  
 rendition of the Can-Can. Gary Kinder,  
 Susan Boyd, Dorothy McFarland, Steve  
 Knippa, Ron Middleton, Tracy Freed, and  
 Penny Gragg, members of the French  
 Club, danced about in their dainty tutus  
 C'est magnifique!

The Seniors and their far out imagina-  
 tion made their last "fling" in high school  
 a humorous one

Tacky describes the Senior girls imitation of the  
 Senior guys



French Club students form their own Chorus Line

## Memories reflect senior life at AHS

Looking back over the events of the 1979-80 school year one could say that the seniors of Abilene high attended classes, partied, studied their homework, partied, graduated from high school, and PARTIED!

This may sound as though the seniors lead a charmed life, but before the parties began many hours were spent in the class room performing such menial tasks as math, English, and science. Though this work was beneath the seniors they struggled through an endless barrage of tests, reports, and sometimes twenty page research papers on their way toward graduation.

As the end of the school year came into sight banquets, picnics, and various private parties were held for the seniors. Private parties were given with frequent regularity throughout the final few weeks of school. This caused many students to sleep through his classes the next day.

When graduation day finally arrived students were nervous, happy, and a little sad at the prospect of leaving Abilene High and all the happy times and memories it held.

Stricken with a severe case of boogie fever are Franci Ford and Tommy Ghani.



Getting in some study time before class are Craig Letz, Joy Hullet, and Richard Bradford.





Replacing senior Carrie Thorne as Key Club president,  
 Junior John Helsep looks forward to being able to have  
 the responsibility of the office



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Juniors Growing, learning  
 Stuck in the middle  
 Anticipating, impatient  
 "I can't wait for next year!"  
 Juniors

With one more year of high school to go, the junior class  
 spends many hours daydreaming of the much awaited  
 senior year

## Juniors give good dose of talents

Tension was in the air as the curtain opened for Sing Song '79. The theme "Eagles Now and Forever," was carried by each class and club.

The mighty juniors were judged on their costumes, choreography, and presentation. Although the juniors did not place in the class competition, they are to be commended on a great performance.

The juniors hit the stage dressed as doctors, in their green surgical uniforms and a doctors mirror on each performers forehead. Underneath each gown was the great saying "Class of '81."

The mighty juniors cheered the crowd with laughter as they performed their rendition of "Doctor, Doctor." Nurse Nicky Watts, and patient Lochy Larson highlighted the act with humor.

The juniors performance of "Bring Me in From the Bali Game," and "I am an Eagle, I live in high country," represented many hours of hard work and true talent.

The juniors devoted many hours of practice to their rehearsals. Rehearsals took place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and some Sundays for several weeks prior to Sing Song '79.

Background music was performed by Joe DeAnda—Sax, Gary Jones trumpet and Philip Marshall—trombone. Andrea Ruebush and Gina Nichole—flute, Ben Gonzales—drums, and Suzanne Hichey—piano added contrast to the juniors production form.

Sing Song '79 was a very rewarding experience for the mighty juniors as well as everyone involved.

Even though the Junior class did not place in the class competition, it has to be said that the juniors commendably put in a good dose of talent.

Juniors get into the move of things as they practice style and grace for Sing Song '79.



Roger Abbott  
Mario Acosta  
Sherri Adair  
Robby Adkins  
Malinda Aiba  
Marque Aldridge  
Roger Alexander  
Sandra Albright

Lanny Allen  
Betsy Amador  
Adam Andrews  
Nancy Andrews  
Richard Aquire  
Marty Aquero  
Judy Augustast  
Gina Baber

Joe Bahrens  
Bruce Bailey  
Earl Bailey  
Karen Bailey  
Sandra Baldwin  
Teresa Banda  
Rachel Barrera  
Lennie Bassett

Bernado Bayley  
Tammy Bayne  
Anthony Beblowsk  
Charles Beicher  
Bobbie Bennett  
Chris Bergman  
Melissa Berry  
Anne Bidder

John Bibrey  
David Black  
Susan Blankenship  
Jeff Boland  
Rena Booker  
Debbie Borcik  
Bonnie Bower  
Stacy Brecheen





Showing off his legs along with his enthusiasm, Nicky Watts poses as a junior nurse in Sing Song '94

Practice makes perfect as Lochy Larson and Nicky Watts help the Juniors off to a nice start!



John Breeher  
De Ann Brewczynsk  
Rusty Bridges  
Greg Bridgeslock  
Thomas Buster  
Jerry Brooks  
Larry Brooks  
Jeff Brown

Joe Brown  
Lucy Brown  
Annie Buchanan  
Benita Burnett  
Kathy Burton  
Ruth Burton  
Nathain Bynum  
Michael Byrd

Kurt Cahn  
Linora Calderon  
Patricia Campbell  
Greg Cannon  
Gloria Cantu  
Glenn Carpenter  
Ricky Castanon  
Lydia Castro

Edward Chapman  
Rebecca Charrez  
Melanie Chalman  
Lucy Childers  
Greg Chittum  
Andre Christler  
Cheryl Churchman  
Belenda Clark

Toni Claybrook  
James Claxton  
Paul Cloud  
Melody Collier  
Danny Conner  
Yvonne Conner  
Donna Cooley  
Becky Cooper



Love is in the air for many Juniors including Tina Cottrell and Robbie Adkins.

Trying to better her education Christine Worbel tries to slip in a few more minutes of studying.

## Juniors struggle with identity crisis

Being in the middle, a person had to really stand out in a crowd in order to avoid being overlooked. The junior class felt this pressure and made unabounding efforts to be noticed. Whether it was walking a girlfriend to class or starting a food fight in the cafeteria, juniors put forth extra effort to be conspicuous.

Many juniors entered the dating scene as they received their drivers licenses. Just knowing that special loved one was waiting for them at school made it a little bit easier to arrive on time.

Lunchtime was also a high point of the day for junior visibility, as practical jokes kept the cafeteria in stitches. Whether it was a small food fight or a side order of mashed potatoes in some unsuspecting sophomore's chair, juniors held a majority of the attention.

Being the middle man had its high points, for it offered an escape with an excuse to do so.



Robert Cooper  
Tammy Coppedge  
Loella Corning  
Joe Cortez  
Ray Cortinez  
Kathleen Cosby  
Tina Cottrell  
Shannon Couch



Susan Craig  
Dodie Cranfill  
Gwen Crawford  
Kyle Crisman  
Latricia Crosthwait  
Karen Cummings  
Celeste Curtis  
Mel Curtis



Donny Dabney  
Debbie Daniel  
Delma Daniel  
Norma Daniel  
Darren Dannenberg  
Maralyn Darnell  
Melinda Darnell  
Melinda Darnell



Eddie Davis  
Pam Davis  
Rhonda Davis  
Tammy Davis  
Mike Dawkins  
Joe DeAnda  
Traci Deathridge  
Rene Decker





Judy Deiner  
Melodi Delaympie  
Freddie DeLeon  
D'Lynn Dandy  
Jay Dennis  
Dale Dentier  
Jamie Depayster  
Shirley Depew

Carl Dodd  
Laura Dodson  
Greg Dortilio  
Michael Daughtry  
John Duran  
Becke Eastburn  
Steve Echols  
Denise Eck

Alice Edwards  
Beverly Edwards  
Anne Elame  
Michael Elathernades  
Cindy Elkins  
Kenneth Ellis  
Ronnie Ellis  
Mary English

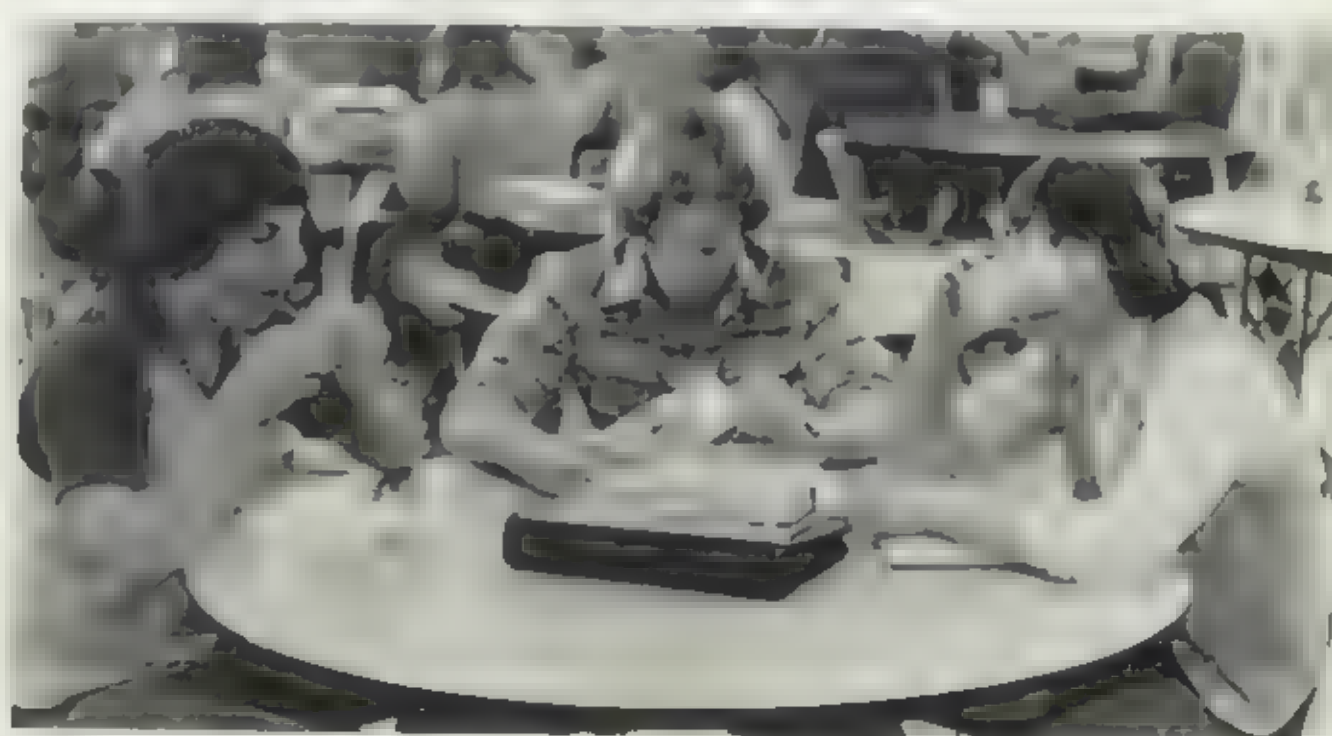
Edward Enriquez  
Frances Escobar  
Stephanie Eubanks  
Randy Feemster  
Warren Ferguson  
Pat Ferner  
Dee Dee Fields  
Derrick Fields

Christy Fisher  
Jackie Flores  
Jake Flores  
Melinda Flores  
Ruben Flores  
Sheri Fombi  
Dixie Francisco  
Jay Fry

Jenette Fuller  
Gary Gaines  
Ann Gates  
Lisa Gallimore  
Kelly Gandy  
Lori Gannon  
Becky Garcia  
Gerald Garcia



With a little help from Mike Harris, Melanie Taylor attempts to make it to her class.



At lunch, Mark Quinney, Joe Brown, and Arley Hunter scheme up a new plan for a lunchroom prank.



## Juniors await rings

### Decisions, Decisions.

Eleven long waited years to pick out that one special ring. The "1981" class ring

"But mom I want the  
Everyone  
gold

Oh, but I  
The yellow  
Okay, I'll be  
Now, for the  
Black? or  
Or maybe a  
think I'll just

stone  
Of course, I want  
Eagle in flight ins  
That should take  
'When shall I con  
'Three months'

Selecting a senior  
a small task for the  
had a unique person  
senior ring. Eleven  
work finally getting to

Gina Garza  
Greg Garza  
Jerry Garza  
Nancy Garza  
Linda Garza  
Douglas Garza  
Anne Garza

David Garza  
Heidi Garza  
Rachel Garza  
David Garza  
Nancy Garza  
Timmy Garza  
Vonda Garza  
Sandra Garza

Ben Gonzalez  
Jose Gonzalez  
Richard Gonzalez  
Cristina Gonzalez  
Jerry Gonzalez  
Anthony Gonzalez  
John Greenlee

Marian Greenleaf  
Victor Greenleaf  
Terry Greenleaf  
Brenda Greenleaf  
Jeff Greenleaf  
Tom Greenleaf  
Diane Greenleaf  
John Greenleaf





Jewelry Box offers many different styles of class rings  
the decision is yours

Class rings vary in many different sizes  
styles and prices to suit your needs



Loni Hall  
Cindy Hatford  
Angie Halliburton  
Laura Ham  
Steve Hambright  
Shelly Hammer  
Shannon Harlow  
Julie Hardin

Keith Hardwick  
Mike Hargesimer  
Jeff Harper  
Katie Harper  
Mike Harren  
Teri Harris  
Darrell Harrison  
Eddie Hart

Lanette Hartung  
Chris Haynes  
Mary Hazelton  
Ruby Hedrick  
Karen Henderson  
Grace Henry  
Freddie Hernandez  
Yvette Hernandez

John Hsieh  
Marla Hicks  
Melinda Hicks  
Susanne Hickey  
Janet Higgins  
Tim Hill  
Sherry Hinks  
Tim Hobgood

Michelle Hodges  
Gayla Holdi  
Barbara Holinos  
Mark Hollon  
James Hollowell  
Brenda Holley  
Clyde Holston  
Darla Hooton

Donald Hopes  
Mary Hopkins  
Versie Hopkins  
Melinda Hoppe  
Mark Hopson  
Gary House  
Kevin Howard  
Gary Howell

## Genuine friendships bring true loyalty

"What was real friendship?"

Almost everywhere one would look, he or she would see junior friendship of some kind of another. Friendship was one thing in life that would never end. It kept on going forever.

Friendship to a junior was "The Way of life. Without friends, a junior could not exist? Whether the friendship be a lovers friendship or just a common acquaintance, juniors had a way of showing what real friendship was.

Those long tiresome school days were eased by the companionship of a fellow junior class member. Juniors were sometimes accompanied by their boyfriend or girlfriend. Friendship was the main event for the junior class. Having a friend in a homeroom class helped make the school day go by a little faster. After a hard days work at school, one would often get together with his friends to go see a movie.

New friends were easy to make, and old friends have been treasured. An old saying that still lies true today once said, "Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other's gold." The junior class of '80" helped to keep that old saying true.



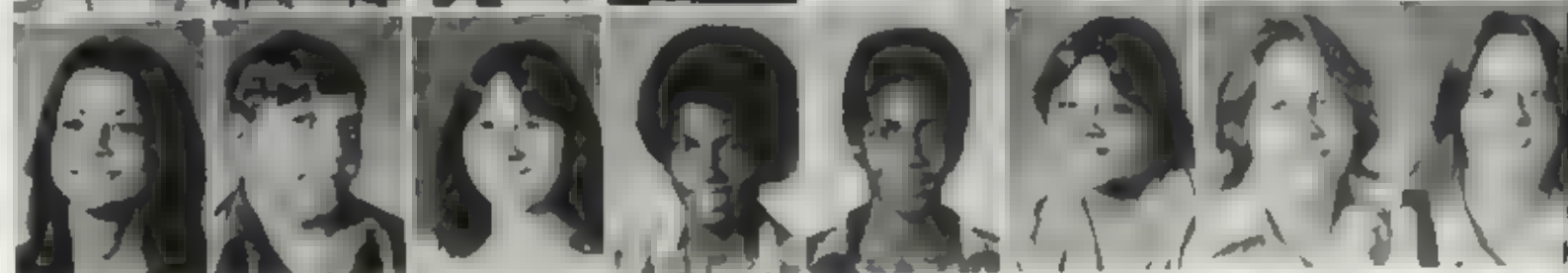
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Terry Huff  
Paul Huiett  
Arlee Hunter  
Reggie Hunter



Tommy Ingram  
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Phil James  
Storm Janeway  
David Jenkins  
Brandy Jennings  
Jessie Jimenez  
Craig Johnson



Robin Jolly  
Darrel Jones  
Nancy Jones  
Sharon Jones  
Michael Julie  
Heidi Kammerer  
John Keenum  
Tonya Keesee





Discussing future plans Charlene Newman, Danny Conner, and Angie McCann take a moment to contemplate their futures

Taking a little breather from class Lessa McKee stops awhile to collect her thoughts



Between classes, Karen Henderson, Kathy Burton, Tisha Bevels, and Paula Olney find time to tell the latest gossip



Kevin Kennedy  
Keith Kinard  
Danny Kiser  
Linda Kontos  
Dana Kuben  
Gene Lackey  
Greg Lemond  
Lochy Larson

Bobby Lewis  
Toby Lieb  
Tracy Linder  
Lana Lindsey  
David Little  
Charles Lockard  
Mark Lockwood  
Scott Logan

Andy Lopez  
Johnny Lopez  
Pete Lopez  
Raymond Loza  
Yolanda Loza  
Barbara Mabley  
Cherie Marler  
John Marquez



Phillip Marshall  
Barbara Martin  
Barbara Martin  
Renee Martin  
Chriseida Martinez  
Debbie Martinez  
John Martinez  
Paul Martinez



Richard Martinez  
Tino Martinez  
Glen Mathis  
Debbie Maxwell  
Mike Mayer  
Melanie McChesney  
JoAnna McClullen  
Harold McDermott



Connie McDill  
Michael McDowell  
Kathy McKenzie  
Theresa McKinnon  
Patsy McMurray  
Greg McNutt  
Katy Melton  
Gator Mladars



## Juniors finds ways to extend time

Playing an exciting role were the '80 junior hangups in the life of the junior class. Each had their own unique way of passing the time away

There had been the unlucky few, who had to catch the bus for school and missed it. There was also the case of mothers forgetting to wake up their children in time to get to class, so the kids had to rush out of the house, without breakfast, dash to school, only then to remember, it was a Teacher Inservice Day and there wasn't any school

Some had the problem of a younger brother or sister wanting to always drive the car to and from school, only to find out that little brother or sister forgot where they parked the car

A popular pastime of the juniors was when the teacher gave an assignment that was due the next morning so one had to work on the assignment till the wee hours of the morning, only to find out the next day one had all class period to work on it. For the juniors amusement they cruised around town with friends, got together for a movie, and went to that favorite rock concert of the month. The mighty juniors made their way through the junior year with flying colors, hoping that their senior year would have much similarity



Arguing over who gets to drive the car home Billy & Kathy Burton have a debate



Late for the bus as usual Nancy Stevens rushes to find a seat

Racing down the stairs to get to class Diana Rhodes and Gilda Howell continue with the trend of tardies



At the movies Sherri Halliburton, Teresa Sutton, Reesa Allen, and Teresa Fine find ways to get away from the school hassles



Lee Magness  
Barbara Miller  
Jackie Miller  
Kelly Miller  
Donna Molina  
Jessica Montez  
Traci Morgan  
Joy Morris

Steve Morrow  
Steve Mowery  
Mike Mucbrov  
Tony Munoz  
Darcy Newburn  
Charlene Newman  
Gina Nichols  
Tony Northrup

Dana Nuber  
Mark Oates  
Annette Odel  
Tony Oden  
Brian Oden  
Susan Ogie  
Danny O'Neal  
Larry O'Neill

Cleaning the eagle is a traditional chore for cheerleader tryouts as Tracey Bishop, Lessa McKee, Terri Harris, and Chen Gooch work hard to accomplish their goals.

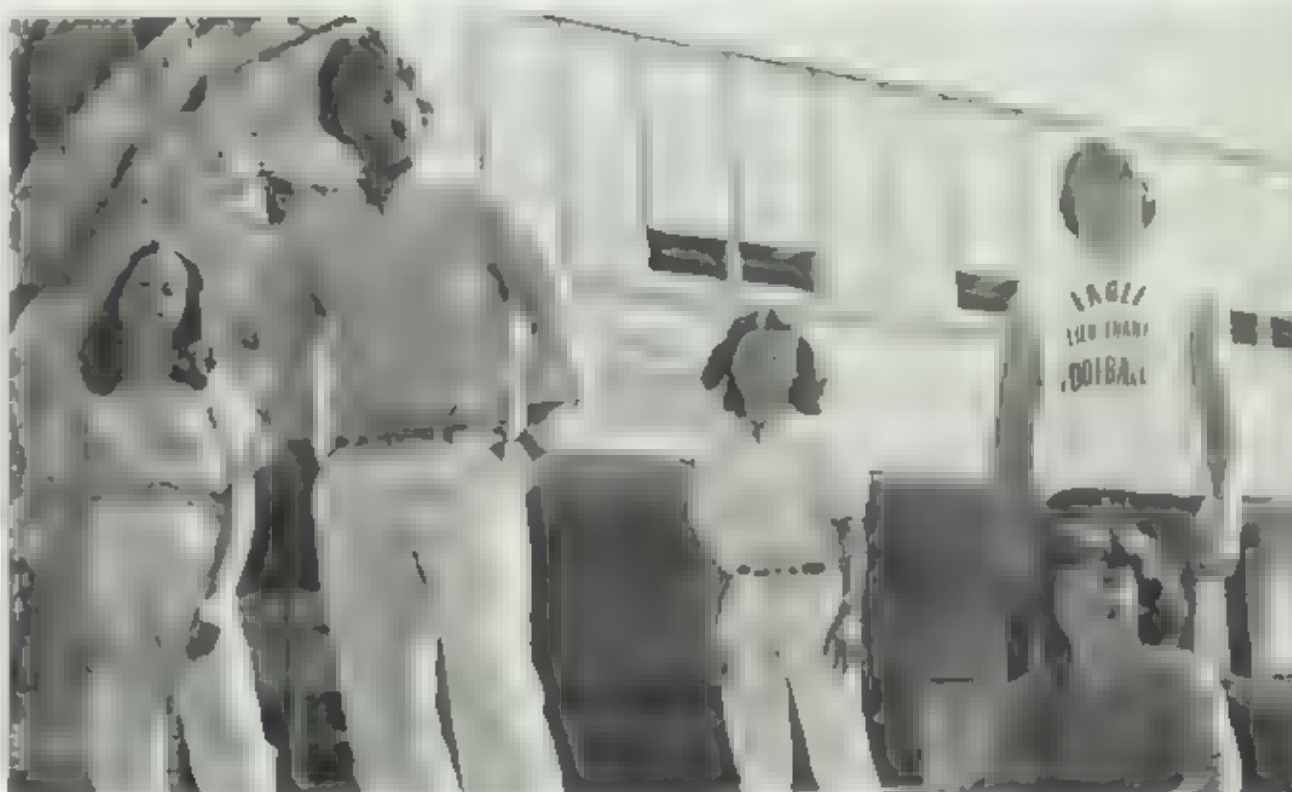
## New leaders face exciting situations

Leadership had a strong influence on everyone in high school. For the juniors the effect was exhilarant, knowing that the upcoming senior year would bring responsibilities. The obligations of leading their fellow lowerclassmen into an adventurous new year filled with excitement and enthusiasm.

Running for offices determined who would become next years leaders. There were leadership offices from every category. Student Council offered offices from President to Treasurer. Elections for Student Council were held on April 22. Cheerleader tryouts proved to bring out the enthusiasm of becoming a school spirit leader. After many weeks of tiresome workouts, the day of April 18 came as cheerleader election day. Six were chosen as the new '80-81 cheerleaders. Also to help promote school spirit, elections were held to elect new Bold Gold squad leaders. Tension built up as election day grew near. Six squad leaders were chosen as the new Bold Gold leaders. One president and one secretary were elected as the Bold Gold officers.

Leadership played an important role on everyone's life. New experiences and grand challenges was the future.

Newly elected student council officers, Melanie Leyerle, Lochy Larson, Rosie Sanchez, and Nick Watts, look ahead to a new year.



Kathy Otto  
Tony Owens  
Suzy Oxford  
Reuben Palariez  
Bill Parker  
Duane Parker  
Kara Parker  
Mike Parrott

Andy Portillo  
Jessie Portillo  
Michael Payne  
Moonie Pacing  
Quinton Peebles  
Anna Perales  
Gilbert Perez  
Patsy Perez

Richard Perez  
Keri Pesch  
Mickey Petty  
Gail Phillips  
Nicky Phipps  
Paige Pierce  
Ray Pimberton  
Peter Pequeno



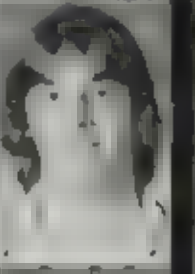
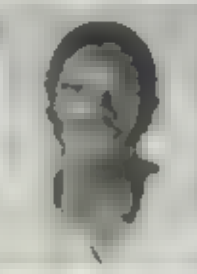




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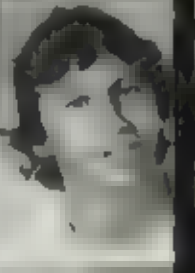
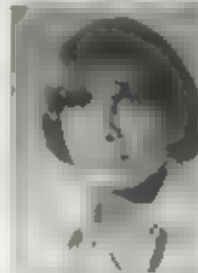
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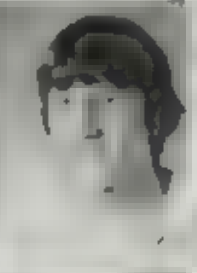
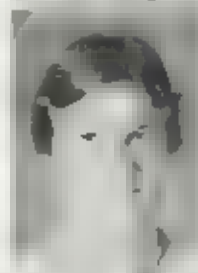
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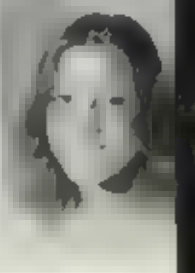
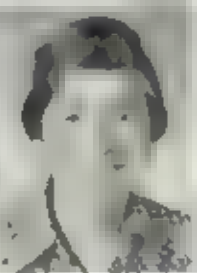
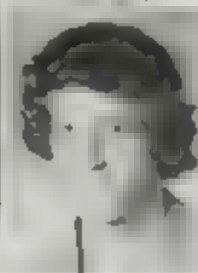
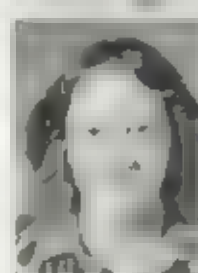
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## AHS awaits arrival of noted Governor

What?? Governor Bill Clements came to Abilene High? Yes, the Governor of Texas came to Abilene High School on the rainy day of May 15, 1980.

The day before Governor Clements was to arrive, the student body of Abilene High went through a day of rehearsal.

Governor Clements arrived, and the auditorium was packed with students excited to hear this great man make his speech. Governor Clements told us how he was the grandson of a Forney Texas driller. He rose from driller in the oil patches to founder and chairman of Dallas-based SEDCO (the world's largest drilling concern.) The Governor told of how he was a self-made multi-millionaire and the first Republican governor of the state of Texas in 104 years.

During Governor Clements' visit to Abilene High, he was presented with the "Key to Abilene High," by our own Student Council President Reggie James. Governor Clements also received complimentary tickets and a Tee-shirt to the famed show Eagle Review, from the Abilene High School Choir President Charlie Collins. Governor Clements showed what Texas was all about. He proved that Texas was a state of opportunity.



Tracy Stover  
Wanda Sudik  
Robert Summers  
Jeri Sutton  
Jamon Sybert  
Kazuhiko Tamegaki  
Holly Tauterhagen  
Debra Taylor

David Taylor  
Marlene Taylor  
Jill Teyssan  
Sherry Timbers  
Angela Thompson  
Stanley Thompson  
Angie Torres  
Jenny Trout

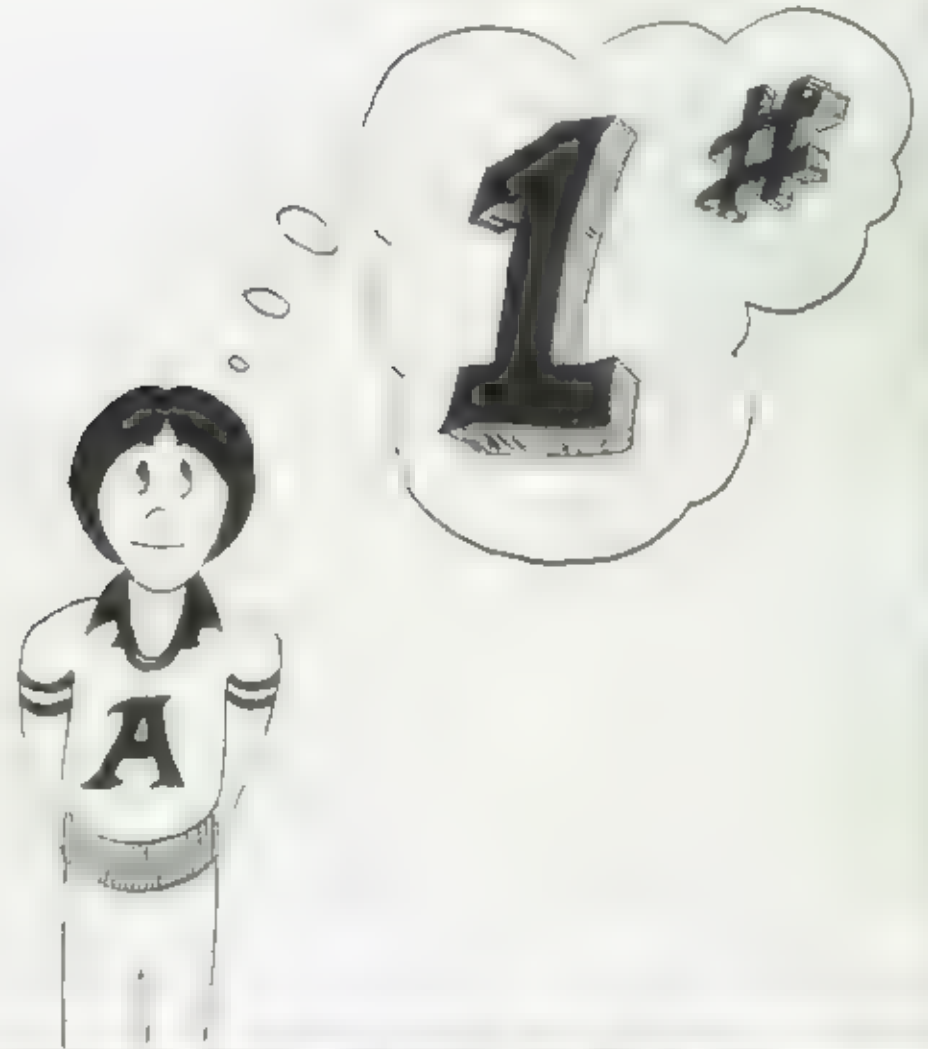
Raymond Vera  
Vivian Ussery  
Johnny Valdez  
Ronnie Valencia  
Linda Vaughn  
Daniel Villarreal  
Robert Vrendenburg  
Ben Wagley



## Vision soon become realities

Visions of being number one pass through every junior's head at one time or another. The vision of being the greatest athletic team, not to mention the greatest athlete was a big vision each junior dreamed of. Whether they would be at the top of their graduating class, or winning the scholarship to the college of their choice was "THE MAIN VISION". The question was "Can we the class of '81' do it"? The answer was "YES!". All it took was the enthusiasm and encouragement to do the best!

As the year came to an end all juniors began to plan for the next year. Their visions of being number one soon became their realities



Tom Wagner  
Michael Waidman  
Leggett Walker  
Eddie Washington  
Charlie Waters  
Sherry Watson  
Nick Watts  
Jesse Weese



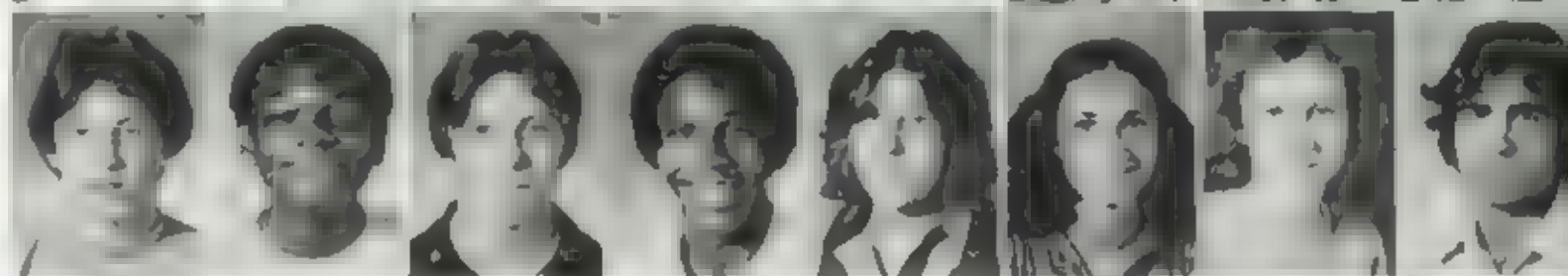
Brian Westfall  
Lisa Wheeler  
Regina Wiley  
Billie Williams  
Chris Williams  
Kenneth Williams  
Darin Wilson  
Margaret Wilson



Sharon Wilson  
Shana Winkles  
Donna Winter  
Robin Wise  
Tommy Withers  
Carolyn Witte  
Susan Wolpe  
Scott Wood



Dee Woodard  
Steven Woodard  
Gary Wright  
Trey Wright  
Christine Worber  
Amber Yacona  
Cynthia Yarbrough  
Marty Yarbrough



Kenny Young  
Julie Youngblood  
Russell Zachary



Finding a humorous moment amidst isosceles triangles and parabolas, Jon Anderson realizes the aspects of being in high school



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Sophomores  
Unique, adventuring  
Down at the bottom again  
Scared, breathless  
"This is where it's at!"  
Sophomores

Awkward and shy, the sophomore class of Abilene High found themselves growing and learning as they went through the 79-80 school year



Andy Anderson  
Mike Anderson  
Kelly Anderson  
David Anderson  
Chris Anderson  
A. Anderson

Andy Anderson  
Mike Anderson  
Kelly Anderson  
David Anderson  
Chris Anderson  
A. Anderson

Andy Anderson  
Mike Anderson  
Kelly Anderson  
David Anderson  
Chris Anderson  
A. Anderson

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Mike Anderson  
Kelly Anderson  
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Chris Anderson  
A. Anderson

Andy Anderson  
Mike Anderson  
Kelly Anderson  
David Anderson  
Chris Anderson  
A. Anderson





Artist, Don Taylor, shows his image of what he  
 thinks, from Sing Song, is a super sophomore

## Super Sophomores show off second

The night of Sing Song '79 was finally here. Stage fright, the nervous jitters, and what they had worked on weeks would soon be over and judged all in a matter of minutes.

Fifty to sixty Sophomores stood in their gold capes and black tights waiting for the hostess to finish her song and introduce the "Super Sophomores."

They swallowed hard as the curtain rose slowly to show the nervous but smiling faces of the Sophomore class. As they began to sing, their tension began to ease and everything went smoothly as in rehearsal and practice, with piano accompanist, Greg Henderson.

When the curtain closed we ran off

the stage knowing we had done our best and were in close competition with the Seniors," stated Shanana Bailey.

The Sophomores were tense as the judging was announced. The Sophomores cheered happily as they placed second in costume and vocal but they knew they had placed first in spirit and enthusiasm. They had worked hard on music choreography, staying two nights a week, one hour each time for two to three weeks.

The Sophomores are sure to make terrific Junior and of course, dynamite outstanding Seniors. They plan on winning Sing Song in the years to come.



Back Row

Greg B...  
 Roman Bell  
 Victor Bell  
 Charles Bennett  
 Sylvia Bennett  
 Richard Berry  
 Leticia Bevil

Bob Bittrey  
 Dian Bishop  
 Tracy B...  
 Kay Bishak  
 Todd Bland  
 Tommy Bland  
 Rex  
 Fosse Brondau

Mitch Boggs  
 Todd Boring  
 Kenneth Boswell  
 Jay Bourland  
 Kevin Bowman  
 Kim Bowie  
 Varrie Bowie  
 Tad Bratter

Lawrence Brossette  
 JoAnne Brown  
 Kathy Brown  
 Kirk Brown  
 Nancy Brown  
 Ricky Brown  
 Nancy Bryan  
 Christie Buchanan

Alan Buckner  
 John Bull  
 Christy Burger  
 Victor Burnett  
 Billy Burton  
 Ann Butler  
 Wayne Butler  
 Michelle Cahallaro

Suzy Cambell  
 Johnny Canales  
 Cynthia Cannon  
 E...  
 Stacy Carlik  
 Butch Carlin  
 Kim Carlish  
 Victor Carrillo

Shirley Cannon  
Scott Casey  
Scott Casey  
Rennie Cole  
Karen Harrison  
John Chalk  
Scott Chamber  
Ester Chapa

Ricky Chapman  
Sydney Chandler  
Bobbie Clark  
Richard Clark  
Tanya Clark  
Lyn Clark  
Jeff Clark  
Cytha Cloud

Minna Cloud  
Byron Coker  
Susan Cook  
Chris Cook  
Kathy Cook  
Gary Cook  
Steve Cook  
Darryl Cooper

Bobby Contreras  
Dana Cook  
Mary Cook  
Bruce Cooper  
James Cooper  
Ronald Cooper  
John Cooper  
Clarence Cooper

Sylvia  
Kelly Coward  
Richard Coward  
Helen Coward  
Linda Coward  
Ester Coward  
Karen Coward  
Lyn Coward

Mike Coward  
Karen Coward  
Kathy Coward  
Tanya Coward  
Lyn Coward  
April Coward  
Mike Coward  
Mike Davis



A helping friend Julie Garner gives friends a lift to lunch.

Hungry sophomores Robert Little, Dee Ruthenford, Brad Mannings and Dewain Terayler enjoy fourth lunch together.







Lori Dawkins  
 Pam Dawkins  
 Martin Dawson  
 Greg Day  
 Rhalynda Deathrage  
 Ester Deleon  
 Veiner Depew  
 Rosana Dipolten

Marc Derrick  
 Julie Dialba  
 Opie Diaz  
 Tim Dickenson  
 Shawn Dobson  
 Ricky Dockter  
 Kelli Downing  
 Barbara Dudley

Edward Dyer  
 Leashia Eaton  
 Eddie Edwards  
 Bryan Eiam  
 Janant Eldridge  
 Kyle Elliott  
 Pam Ellis  
 Austin England

Alvan Estrada  
 Andrew Estrada  
 Margaret Estrada  
 Cary Etter  
 Eric Etter  
 Dee Eubank  
 Kyle Evans  
 Tim Evens

Scott Farmer  
 Connie Faulkner  
 Brian Finn  
 Alicia Fisher  
 Andy Flores  
 Arnold Flores  
 Benny Flores  
 Bobby Flores

Charles Flores  
 David Flores  
 Jacob Flores  
 John Flores  
 Johnny Flores  
 Frank Ford  
 Julie Fowler  
 Desire Frazier



## **Transportation is a Sophomore question**

What can a person do without a car at school? That was the thought of some poor careless Sophomores. "How can I get to and from school, and what about lunch? I don't want to stay at school for lunch," pleads a sophomore to a seemingly noncaring mother.

Riding bikes, motorcycles, riding the bus, and walking, along with cars were the choices a sophomore had to get to and from school. A car or staying at school were choices on what to do for

lunch. Many sophomores didn't have a choice; they took what they could get.

It was hard being a sophomore, usually they were not old enough to drive and if they could, many couldn't afford cars. Hitch a ride here, walk there, or don't go at all was one problem.

Hopefully that will not last over to the next year. When those sophomores become juniors maybe they will have had their transportation problems solved.

Sophomore Larry Conley rides the bus home after a bad day at school.



Robert French  
 Rusty Gage  
 Amy Garcia  
 Sam Garcia  
 Deanna Garcia  
 Eddie Garcia  
 Gary Garcia  
 Hector Garcia



James Garcia  
 Amy Garcia  
 Ricky Garcia  
 Daniel Garcia  
 Jane Gardner  
 Mike Gardner  
 Haze Gass  
 Bruce Gass



Jerry Gatz  
 Ray Gatz  
 Robert Gatz  
 Dwight Gayle  
 Tracy George  
 George Goss  
 Cynthia Goss  
 Ed Goss



Rita Geyer  
 Freddy Geyer  
 David Gomez  
 Lisa Gomez  
 Brenda Gomez  
 Mary Gomez  
 David Gomez  
 David Gomez



Edward Gonzalez  
 Ray Gonzalez  
 Joe Gonzalez  
 Lito Gonzalez  
 Karla Gonzalez  
 William Gonzalez  
 Jimmy Gonzalez  
 George Gonzalez



Tamara Graham  
 Mike Graham  
 Kate Green  
 Mike Green  
 Carl Gregory  
 Anna Greer  
 Philip Greer



Showing her talents at the first talent show, ally that will be the first talent show. It was a great success that was held in the gym. It was a great success that was held in the gym.



# Sophomores strive for acceptance

New from various junior highs, sophomores felt the pressure of being in a strange environment. One of many of their aims was acceptance. This goal was met through joining various clubs, sports or classes such as Bold Gold, baseball, or band.

Soon cliques were made with a montage of students from all three levels, and although the usual teasing of sophomores went on, the juniors and seniors alike generally approved of them. It seemed, too, that if the sophomore girl had a boyfriend, or if the sophomore guy had a girl on his arm, acceptance

seemed to come easier. Many of them felt more secure knowing somebody liked them as they were.

One thing that stood in the way of acceptance and fitting in well was the transportation problem. Many sophomores were without a driver's license at least at the beginning of school. If the sophomore couldn't take a bus, and if there were no available student car pools, they found they ran from their parents' car before anyone noticed. After taking the driver's education class the sophomores acquired the much coveted license and acceptance seemed to come easier. They could now look bad walking across Mockingbird St. with car keys in hand.

Listening attentively, sophomore Suzanne L. Allen feels no discomfort mingling with seniors Ter Whetstone and Lon McAlister.



Julie Guethem  
Ernie Guillen  
Bias Guetto  
Jesse Gutierrez  
Christy Haas  
Wilber Haase  
Paula Hartman  
Chanc Hall

Ken Hal  
Brent Hamilton  
Scott Hamilton  
Lonnie Hamme  
Teresa Hanke  
Steve Harbin  
Jay Hardin  
Robbie Hardin

Evelyn Harold  
Scott Harold  
Bret Harris  
Nathan Harris  
Angela Harrison  
Case Harvey  
Loretta Harvey  
Sandra Hastings

Lee Hatch  
Karen Hawthorne  
Barbara Hayden  
D'Anda Hayes  
Danny Hayes  
Dwight Hayl  
Becky Head  
Philip Heatherly

Curtis Hedrick  
Dolcie Hellen  
Corey Henderson  
James Hendrix  
Steve Henley  
Glen Henry  
Jamie Herrera  
Paul Hickox

Kelly Higgins  
Lisa Hilden  
Sonja Hill  
Tammy Hobgood  
Tim Hobgood  
Jenna Lee Hodges  
Tim Hodges  
Karen Hollowell



Taking a break from the classroom work, Ke Smithwick and Melvin Modesty sit back and relax.

## Being Sophomores isn't that bad

All too often, the sophomore stereotype of being little, stupid, and timid got the best of the sophomores of '79-'80. Although it was terribly unlikely to get away from the teasing and snickering, sophomores still fought to step forward despite it all.

It seemed that sophomores were usually the scapegoat of just about anything that went wrong, and the brunt of the high school jokes. But, that's history. Sophomores in high school were always treated in a similar fashion. They were always the lardy ones, the daydreamers, and the ones tripping up the stairs.

But for many sophomores held their

head high with pride. They were in high school now. The place all the 50's movies satirized and made glamorous with all the buddying that went on—that's where they were now. They weren't in junior high anymore—who cared if they were only sophomores? They didn't seem to care.

The sophomores usually had to take mostly required courses, so they were supposed to work a little harder than seniors, but not quite as much as most juniors. Thus, they learned to get away with as much as possible to balance it all out. No, for most sophomores, being one wasn't quite as horrible as juniors and seniors tried to make it seem.



Patsy Hood  
Sheila Hoover  
Pam Horne  
Kathrine Hubbard  
Janet Hudson  
Sherry Huff  
Mike Hughes  
Sheri Hulibuton

Michelle Hurd  
Ann Hulta  
Peggy Jassie  
Karen Jenkin  
Tammy Jernigan  
Erin Johnson  
Irene Jimenez  
Tammy Johnson

Darrell Jones  
Jerry Jones  
Mack Jones  
Russ Jones  
Stephanie Jones  
Vicki Jones  
Aaron Jorden  
Eric Jorden

Charlotte Judin  
Renay Keaton  
Paul Kanne  
Gina Kay  
Sandy Kay  
Karl Kearney  
Linda Keith  
Cindy Kemp

Kyril Kight  
Eddie Kinder  
Kevin Kinder  
Chine King  
Jammie King  
Sandra King  
Katy Klump  
Becky Komatz







Kendle Koonmen  
David Koonmen  
Tim Kuhn  
Wayne Landry  
Chris Lanford  
Jerry Lanham  
Wayne Lanham  
Anita Lanningham

Allen Lapalm  
Sylvia Lara  
Angie Lattimore  
David Lawrence  
Joni Lee  
Judy Legg  
Tony Lenius  
Ruth Lewis

Meranie Leyerle  
Mary Lin  
Link Lindsey  
Gloria Little  
Robert Little  
Remittie Lomas  
Southern Long  
Manuel Lopez

Allen Lopour  
Cruz Lova  
Danny Lova  
Carolyn Luna  
Susanne Luttrell  
Angel Macias  
Anthony Makuc  
Tammy Maldonado

Angela Mangura  
Paul Magnum  
Brad Manning  
Eisa Martinez  
Jackie Martinez  
Javier Martinez  
Vincent Marquez  
Jeff Marsh

Tony Marshall  
Connie Martin  
Diane Martin  
Jeff Martin  
Carlos Martinez  
Racheal Martinez  
Richard Martinez  
Brad Mason

Mike Matthews  
Lisa Maxwell  
Louise Maxwell  
Mike Mayo  
James McBride  
Yvonne McBride  
Derbin McCabe  
Carlos McDaniel



Daydreaming in class, Cindy Stillman finds a moment of peacefulness before the hectic schedule brings her back to reality.

## Balanciere receives 1980 Macho Man title

Who was the most macho at Abilene High? The cheerleaders seemed desperate to find out singing off key over the PA system what used to be a hit by the Village People, Macho Man. They even coaxed their sponsor, Mrs. Linda Hofer, into joining them.

They finally got their contestants, and bought T-shirts for them with the \$500 entry fee. Thus, the contest got underway.

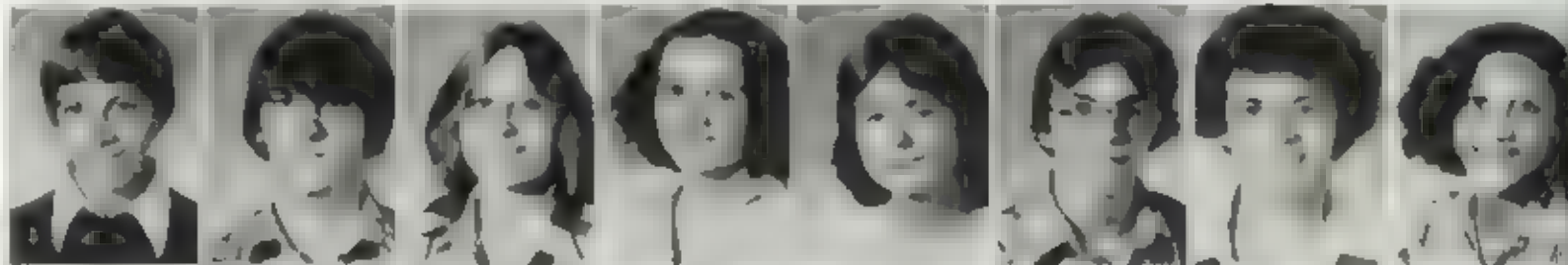
Monday came and with it the arm wrestling contest. Brett Whitaker came away the winner. Tuesday followed

(as usual), and not as usual, the volleyball contest was held making Mike Blackwell victorious. Running was next and Greg Carter was the shoe-in. Then on Thursday the poor guys were volunteered for the pancake eating contest. Five pancakes were downed in one minute leaving Michael Balanciere a little sick but victorious. Last, but definitely not least came the dance talent contest. The five finalists danced with or without a partner. Starting the dance off with a bang, Michael Balanciere and his partner got a little

suggestive and embarrassed a few kids and faculty. The dance continued fairly uneventful until a cowboy halted Mike Blackwell. Mike came onto the floor and showed his stuff without a partner. When it got change pouring from the bleachers, a two-step performed by Brett Whitaker and his partner who later repeated the routine for his talent.

The week was a little more exciting than usual, and most everyone would remember Michael Balanciere was named the 1980 Macho Man of AHS.

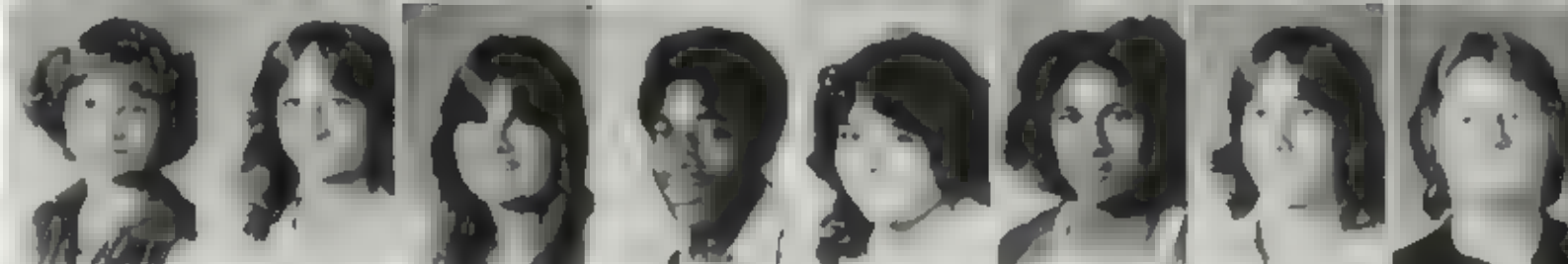
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Renee Middleton  
Kelly Miller  
Lisa Miller  
Melissa Miller  
Susan Mitchell  
Erinda Montano



Kim Mitchell  
Dana Mitchell  
Sharon Mitchell  
Melissa Modesty  
Carrie Molina  
David Montalongo  
Doris Moore  
Tommy Moore



Mickey Moorehead  
Ira Moreno  
Lizette Morris  
Donna Muckleroy  
Brenda Munson  
Thuy Nguyen  
Van Nguyen  
Lee Nicholson



Tim Oakley  
Marshall O'Bar  
Sharon Odeh  
Denise Oglesby  
Teresa Omer  
Ramiro Olivera  
Paula Olney  
Richard Ornelas



Alex Ortega  
Carlos Ortega  
Debra Ortega  
Arnell Ortiz  
Joe Ortiz  
Barry Ott  
Mark Owen  
Michael Pacheco







Muscle men, Gary Drew, and Micheal Baianciere, arm wrestle in the Macho Man Contest while Cowboy John watches over them

Macho-Man contestant, Greg Carter shows his skill at the volleyball throw



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Mara Paracios  
Severita Paracios  
Becky Patomany  
Herman Patus  
Steve Papason  
Leo Parish  
Don Parker

Willis Parker  
Traci Parsons  
Gary Paschuli  
Refugio Patwa  
Donnie Patrick  
Sharon Paulosky  
Kathy Petty  
Robert Pakowski

Helen Peckie  
Angela Peckie  
Mama Peckie  
Rosita Pequeno  
Dusty Phillips  
Kathy Phipps  
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Butch Pippins

Polly Phipps  
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Kathy Powers  
Larry J. Pradd  
Terry Prado  
Ruth Prescott  
Lynn Prickell  
Jennifer Prince

Larry Pruch  
Renee Pruitt  
Faye Rae  
Raye Rae  
Keith Rains  
Betty Ralston  
Robert Ram  
Martha Ramirez

Edna Ralston  
Karen Redwine  
Judy Reese  
Robert Reese  
Tim Reeves  
Robby Reiff  
Carmen Remero  
Lisa Rentre



## Student drivers hit streets

'Stop!' Screech . . . the teacher of a driver's education class had to put on the brakes for one of his student drivers. Nearly all high school students were required to take driver's education, if only for the lower insurance rate granted. Classroom studies and driving a car were involved in learning and teaching driving techniques.

Class work was the first step of learning to drive. There were lessons and studies out of books, several tests, and also gory films of the effects of poor driving. There was also the comic relief of watching the coaches pretend to be cars. Films and lessons were given to teach legal procedures of driving in and out of town.

Driving through town was the idea of letting the student get used to driving in traffic. Looking for signs, signals, pedestrians, and remembering to check

behind them before changing lanes had to be learned by inexperienced student drivers. Stopping correctly at signs and lights and being able to turn a corner without squealing the wheels took time and practice.

Learning to park was hard, but learning to parallel park was worse. Backing up between two poles without hitting either pole or curb was a trying ordeal. Parallel parking took a lot of practice and patience from both driver and teacher.

The big trial was when on the sixteenth birthday, the student went to the Department of Public Safety to take a drivers test. Tension and fear set in as the officer entered the car. Remembering everything taught in drivers ed., most sixteen year olds passed with flying colors. Oh, no! Another teenage driver was on the loose!



Estelle Rocha  
 Janice Revland  
 Joe Reyes  
 Tim Rhodes  
 Donna Rich  
 Kevin Richer



Lynda Rios  
 Melissa Rios  
 Nolan Rives  
 Dale Roach  
 Kirk Robert  
 Linda Roberts

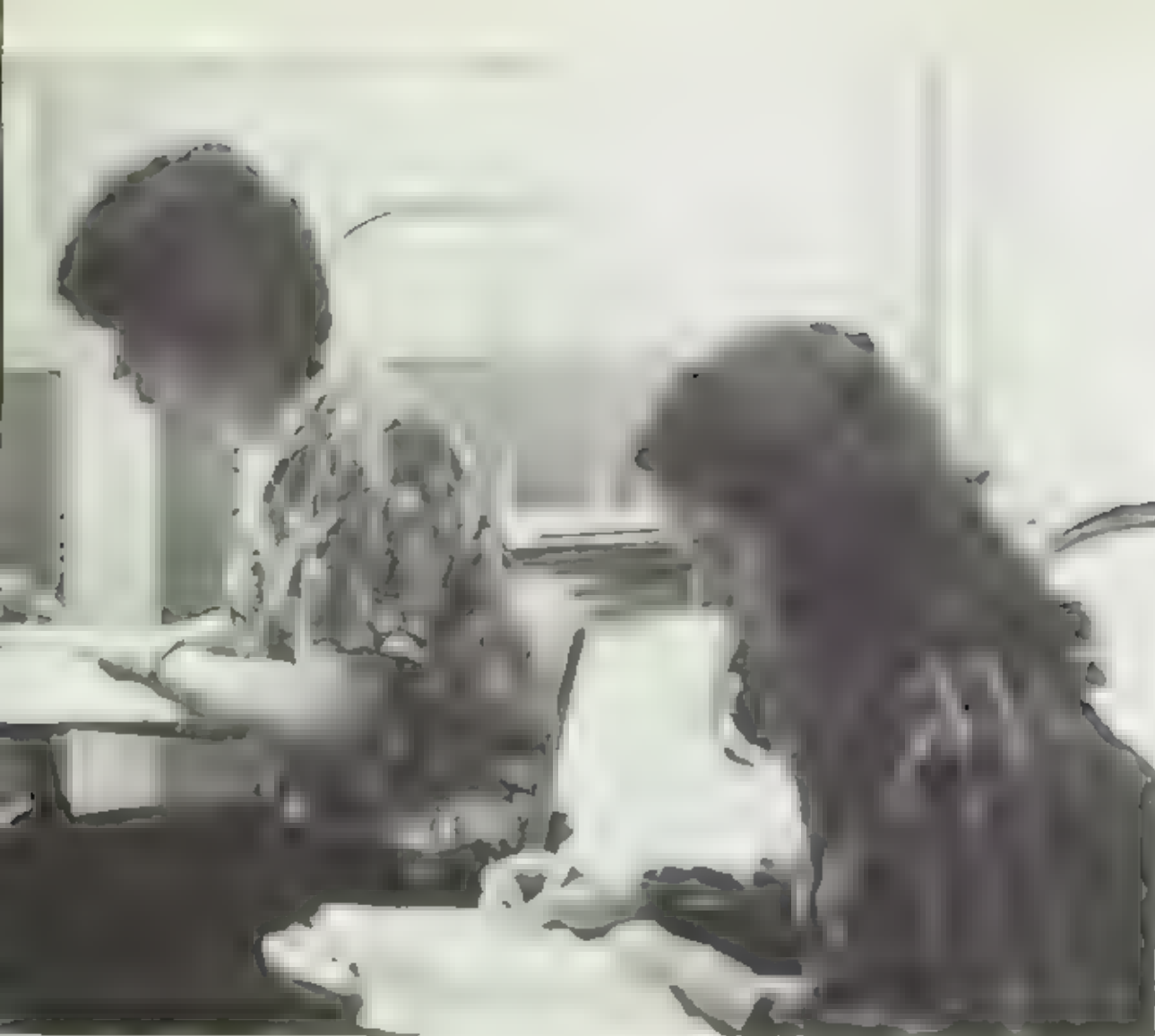


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 Ken Robinson  
 Moxie Robinson  
 Ronald Robinson  
 Cynthia Rodriguez  
 Delia Rodriguez



Meleah Rodriguez  
 Sandra Rodriguez  
 Tony Rodriguez  
 Marie Roeser  
 Aubry Roohms  
 Christina Rose





Working from the drivers education book are Dara Cook and Melanie Leyerle



Frank Rose  
Brenda Rose  
Ricky Ross  
Tracy Rosser  
Quesada Rudy  
Dee Ruthertord



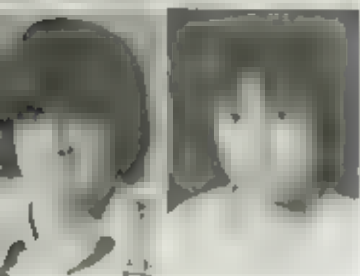
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Melvin Sanchez  
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Cruz Santibanez  
Donna Sateright



Cindy Scales  
Janet Schekrichs  
Kisty Schow  
Gary Shutz  
Robert Shutz  
Billy Scott



Jay Scott  
Penilda Seagura

## Sophomores adjust between classes

There was not much time between classes, but there was just enough to listen to a little gossip, walk a girl to class, or finish a paper that was due the next period. Rushing from one class to another, to lockers, and to the restrooms were major between-class activities. For sophomores it just took them longer to adjust to the time between classes.

Almost all sophomores were tardy at the beginning of the year. They hadn't become accustomed to the unfamiliar bell system. It took a few days to constructively regulate the six minute period between classes. Running was something to be done in that time

usually the alternative to making it to class on time

Necessities for most sophomore girls were brushing their hair, or freshening their make-up in the restrooms. A few unfortunate students had to go to the parking lot or behind the building somewhere to take a quick smoke. Even before third period, some students were having nicotine fits. There was even some hanky-panky among sweethearts before going to class

There didn't seem to be much time between classes, but there was always something to be done in that time



Philip Simmons  
Terry Sewell  
Paul Sheasby  
Lisa Shelfor  
Lonise Shook  
Beverly Shugars



Monica Sigala  
Christy Siltman  
Cindy Siltman  
Connie Silva  
Nina Silva  
Ellen Simmons



Philip Simmons  
Jeff Simmons  
Zelma Simpson  
Barbara Sittin  
Donny Skiva  
Laura Smiley



Charles Smith  
Debra Smith  
Robert Smith  
Sherrel Smith  
Stacy Smith  
Terry Smith



Wade Smith  
Kelly Smithwick  
Carolyn Snel  
Carolyn Sohl  
Heida Soliz  
Marvin Solomon







Judy S. Kay  
 Ann S. Kay  
 Bob S. Kay  
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Walking together to class Sandra Kay and Bob  
 Bibry enjoy each other's company between class

## Sophomores awaken to be juniors

"It had been fun being a sophomore but it's better to be a junior and know you made it through the hardest year, the sophomore year" said junior Kathy Burton as she thought back to her first year in high school

It took the fresh sophomores awhile to get awake and become more involved in the school and other class members. Sophomores felt inexperienced and slightly shy up against a new school and "old pros" to high school life.

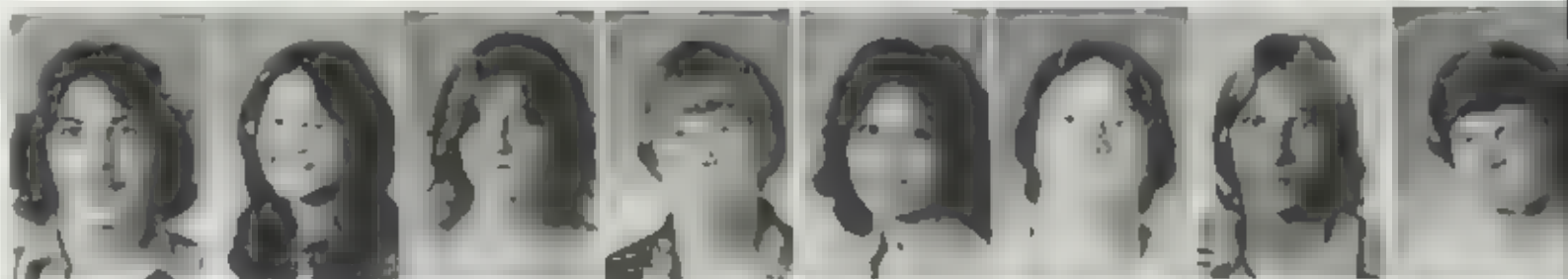
By being in athletics such as baseball, track, football, and basketball or being in vocational or Tri-Hi-Y clubs got many sophomores involved, excepted, and respected by juniors and seniors in their respected activities.

Almost everyone was pleased and relieved at the end of the year. Seniors, after twelve years of hard brain work, finally got to graduate. Juniors were promoted to all the privileges and pride of high-ranking seniors. Sophomores had gone through a year of initiation to be placed in the middle and more worthy position of a junior.

"It was worthwhile being a sophomore. It taught me a lot of things and besides everyone has to go through it once in their life." Kathy Burton said as a piece of advice to all of the oncoming sophomores.



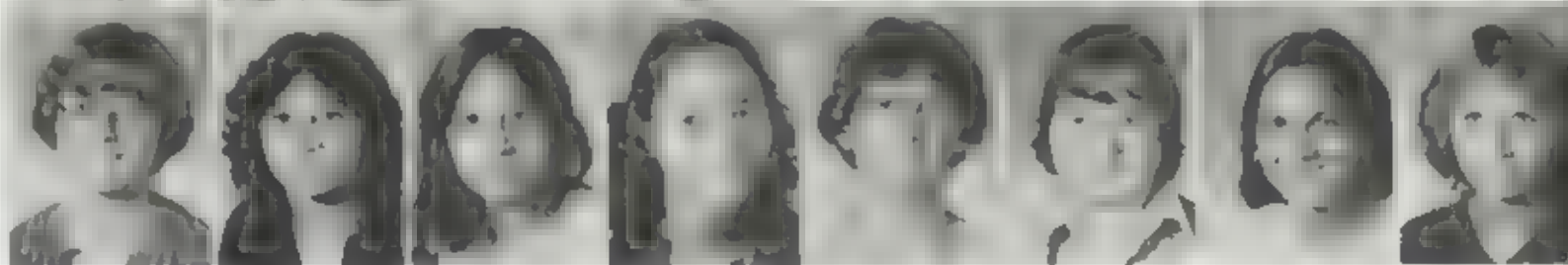
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Jay Tindall  
Mary Tolentino  
John Traand  
Robert Trasp  
Gene Trawak



Dwain Traylor  
Greg Turk  
Cheryl Turner  
James Turner  
Kurk Urban  
Chris Valdez  
Marisa Valencia  
Fred Velasquez



Sally Vertz  
Mary Villalobos  
Cynthia Villarreal  
Diana Villarreal  
Tommy Villarreal  
Chris Vrendenburg  
Tammy Waggoner  
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Sophomore Robby Little knocks fiercely on the snack  
window for service after second period



Paying attention, Dwight Gaylor wants to pass to  
become a junior



Jeff Walls  
Cindy Waidrop  
Carol Wallace  
Lisa Wallace  
Kevin Wangerow  
Mandy Warren  
Waymon Washington  
Katy Wayte

Darryl West  
Tamera Westerman  
Casandra Whaley  
Scott Whitehorn  
Richard Wiginton  
Michella Welch  
Phyllis Wiles  
Martha Wilkinson

Bobby Williams  
Daryl Williams  
Donna Williams  
Kara Williams  
Kenneth Williams  
Marshall Williams  
Roy Wade Willis  
Kathy Wilson

Darron Winseth  
Nancy Wilson  
Lisa Wise  
Rick Womble  
Denise Wood  
James Wood  
Lisa Wood  
Adrienne Wooden

Connie Woolam  
Maurice Wright  
Mike Wrobel  
Cynthia Yarbrough  
Wayne Yates  
Rene Ybarra  
Scott Yodu  
Paula Young



**Fans, family  
support**

**AHS athletes**

My life is changing  
More competition, more satisfaction  
Football  
Baseball  
Swimming,  
Gymnastics  
Volleyball  
Basketball  
The eighties  
A new decade  
A new era  
A new life  
But I'm stepping forward  
And nearing the "real life".  
Getting closer to my goals  
With the help from  
Family  
Fans  
Coaches  
Trainers  
The eighties

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Bold Gold and athletes go hand in hand through the

## Pre-district games uncertain for Eagles

Our mighty Eagles commenced their football season with their annual opening game against Wichita Falls Rider in Wichita Falls. It was a close but disappointing game for the Eagles. The Eagles were on the losing side this time with the final score being 14-10, in favor of the Rider Raiders. Randy Williams scored all of the points for the Eagles during the game. He ran back a punt 89 yards for a touchdown, late in the fourth quarter, and he also kicked a field goal earlier in the third quarter. The Eagles played a good defensive game, and kept the Raiders to a minimum of scoring. The Raider defense played equally well, and kept the Eagles from ever taking the lead.

In their first home game of the season the Eagles faced Stephen F. Austin. The Eagles, earnestly seeking a win after the defeat from a week before, were looking to prove that the hours of practice had not been in vain. The offense managed to duplicate the number of points they had scored in the game against the Rider Raiders. Willie Roberts scored a touch-

down and Randy Williams kicked a field goal. The Austin offense without the home field advantage and a lack of supporters, seemed disoriented and was unable to find the end zone. On one occasion when Austin threatened to score, the intense Eagle defense held them at the goal line putting forth a tremendous effort which flattened Austin's hopes of putting any points on the board. The final score was 10-0, but those numbers belie the fact that Austin was a challenge.

Playing Austin at home is one thing but facing the Temple Wildcats in Temple is quite another. This was the task which lay before the Eagles in their final pre-district game. Temple, ranked among the top ten in the state, quickly took control of the game while the Eagles were uncertain and hesitant. When the Eagles made a mistake, Temple capitalized on it and proved to be too much for the Eagles to handle. The Wildcats won comfortably, 28-6. The Eagle defense and offense can both take credit for a pretty fine pre-district season.



Surging forward against an Austin defender, Clarence Moore, number 25, clears the way for an un-



The Varsity Eagle football team for 1979-1980 are: Front row: Steve Perry, Tony Bennett, Richard Aguirre, Gordon Ware, Allan Odsticil, Tony Murray, Jesse Laakey, Jeff Hagaman, Mark Watts, Woods Payton. Second row: Allan Johnson, Jessie Jimenez, Ruben Pailarez, Clarence Moore, Eddie Martinez, David Jensen, Mark Linkwood, John Greenidge, Mike Parnell, Lee Price, Mark Smith, Thomas W. Brown, Bruce Bailey, Willie Roberts, Clarence Penns, Todd James, Jimmy Sinclair, Seth Smith, Kyle L. Carter, Scott Harrison, Derrick Fields, Lupe Tonche, John Duran, Johnny Rodriguez. Back row: Lynn Garrison, Steve Felt, Kevin Lynner, Reggie Hunter, Loyal Proffitt, Wes Gorman, David Russell, Brad Smith, Ben Whitaker, Eddie Davis, Harold Williams, Gary Shaker.



Austin and Eagle players alike take time out to sit together in quiet meditation before squaring off against each other



Running amidst a horde of Raider defenders Derrick Fields, number 20, scrambles for a few yards

An outstanding Eagle defender, Willie Roberts number 31, thwarts the efforts of an Austin player to break loose

## First half has hairsplitting consequences

Opening district play for the Eagles was against the hapless Big Spring Steers in Shotwell stadium. The Eagles behind tailback Leo Parrish gained 138 yards rushing and scored three touchdowns.

It took a while for the Eagle defense to become untracked. Quarterback Loyal Proffitt struggled to maintain a threatful offense. Throwing only a few completed passes was all Proffitt could manage. The scoring threat came on the ground from tailback Leo Parrish, and Derrick Fields. Senior fullback Willie Roberts also contributed by gaining 78 yards on eight carries, most came from a 43 yard gain early in the game.

The defense held Big Spring scoreless throughout the entire game. This gave the Eagles a shut out and their first district win, 26-0.

After disabling Big Spring High in Shotwell stadium the week before the AHS Eagles traveled to Mojo country to take on the Odessa Permian Panthers.

The Panthers defeated the Eagles 21-7 in the second District 5-4A game. The lone Eagle score came on a one yard plunge by tailback Leo Parrish. The touchdown was aided by three penalties against Permian. An interference call gave the Eagles the ball on the one yard line. The score ruined Permian's chances for a shutout.

The loss to Odessa Permian dropped AHS to a 2-3 season record and 1-1 in district standings. So once again the AHS Eagles dropped another game to the Panthers of Odessa Permian by 21-7.

During the next district game the Eagles pulled off their greatest caper when they defeated the Midland High Bulldogs with ten seconds left in the

game. This victory moved their district record to 2-1.

They were down 10-7 with just under two minutes showing on the scoreboard when the Eagles began their race against the clock.

It was first and ten at the Bulldogs 42 yard line. A screen pass from quarterback Loyal Proffitt to fullback Willie Roberts gave them another first and ten on the Bulldogs 31. The ball fell incomplete when Proffitt tried to pass to tight-end David Russell in the end zone.

The winning touchdown came on a short pass from Loyal Proffitt to tailback Leo Parrish. Parrish instinctively dove over the goal line with 10 seconds left, defeating the Midland High Bulldogs 13-10.

Successfully defeating the Bulldogs the week before, the AHS Eagles couldn't maintain the winning edge against Odessa High. The win gave the Broncos their first district win.

The game was played on a Saturday night at W. T. Barrett stadium in Odessa. It was considered, or almost was another miracle rally. These miracle rallies seemed to come quite frequent for the Eagles in the weeks before.

The Eagles offense had 359 of the 645 total yards contributed by both teams. They totally dominated the game until the fourth quarter.

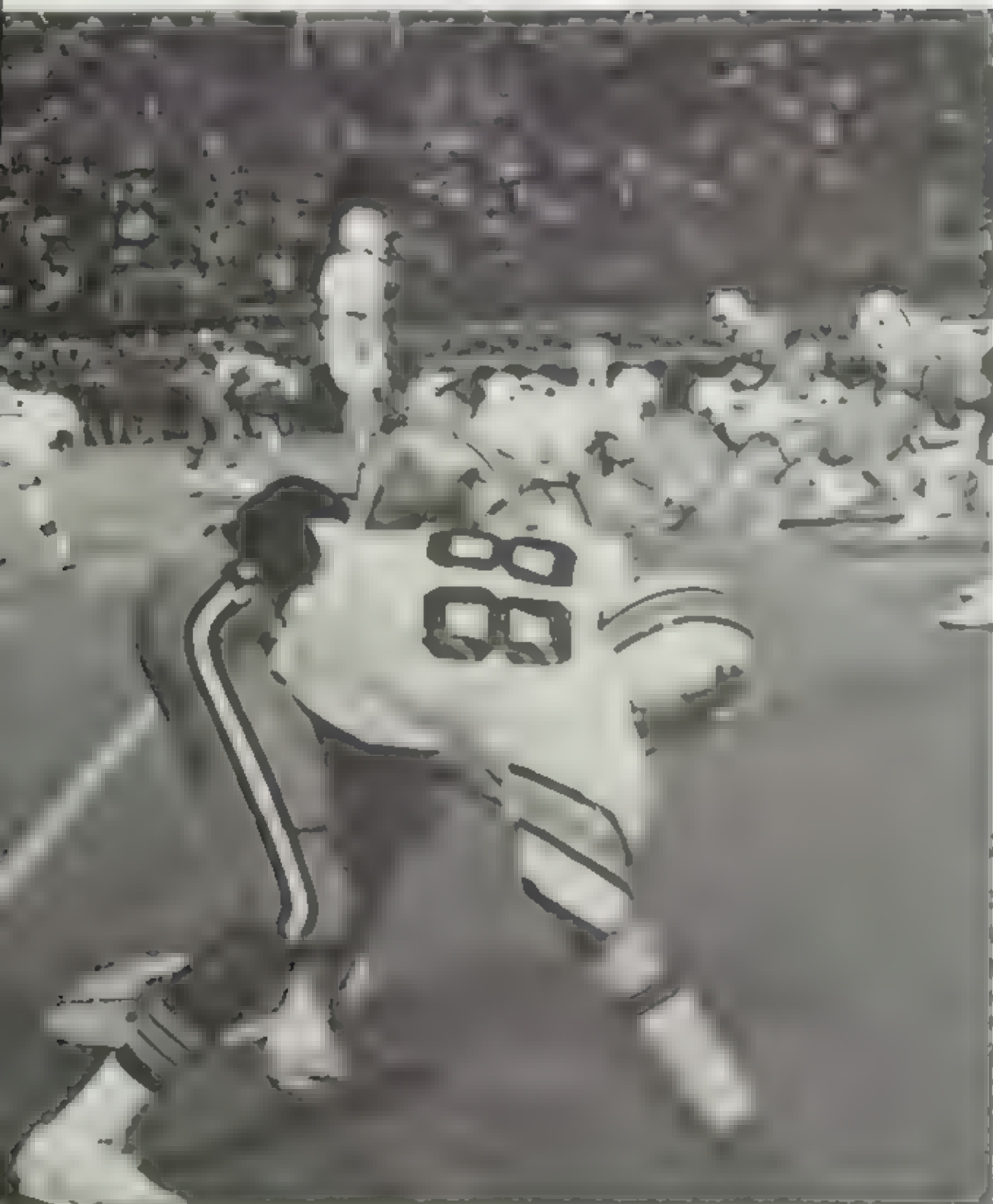
When the pressure put on by the Broncos cracked down on the Eagles, the Broncos managed to score fifteen points in the last quarter downing the Eagles 25-21.

The Eagle varsity football team stepped forward into the '79-'80 season and answered most of the challenges of first half district play.



Looking over the offense, quarterback Loyal Proffitt prepares to handle the snap

Waiting for the snap of the ball, tight end David Russell holds his set position

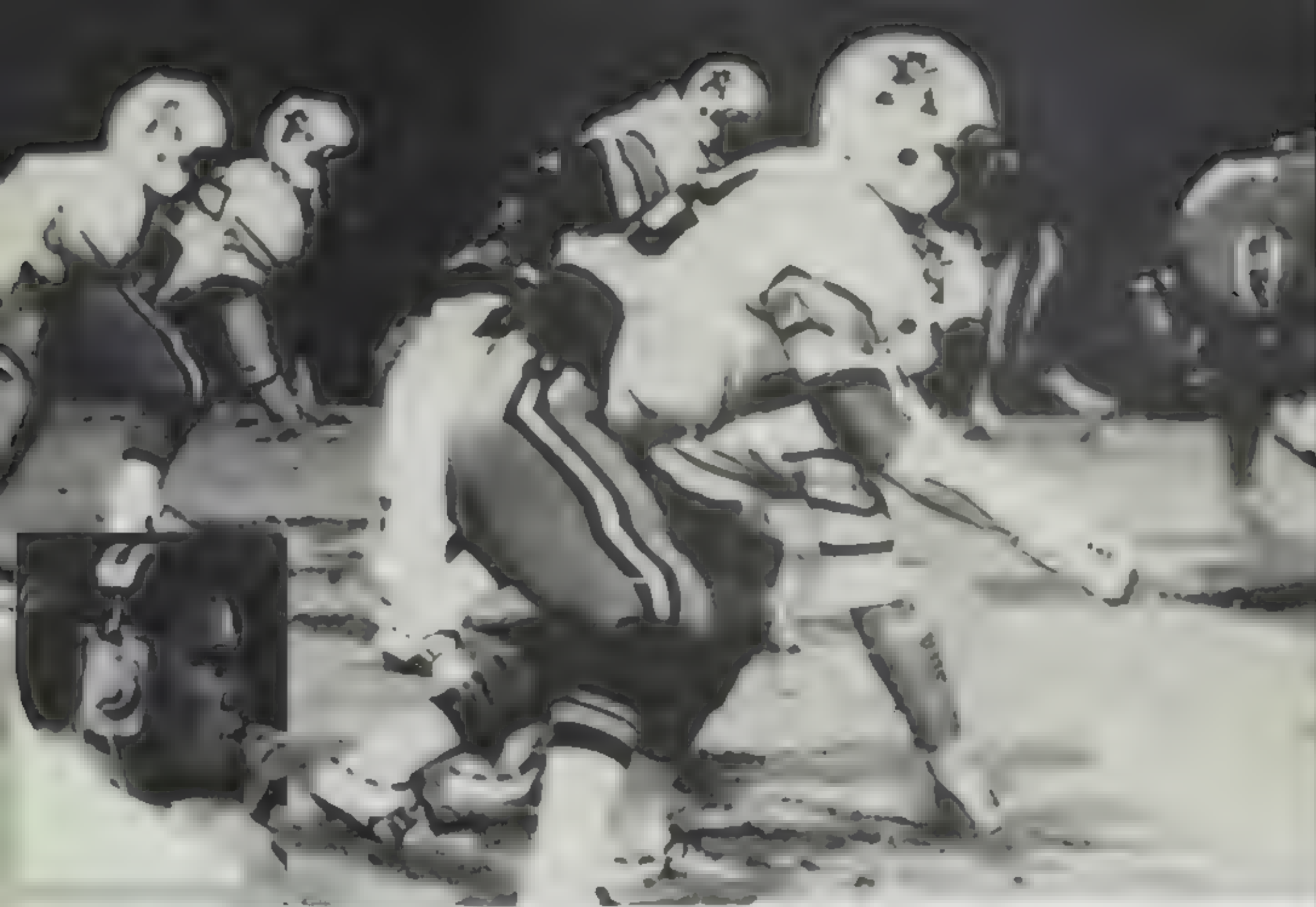


After a lengthy gain, Loyal Proffitt is finally caught from behind by Midland Lee defenders



Attempting a field goal from the hold of Brian Stout Randy Williams is pressured by a Permian defender





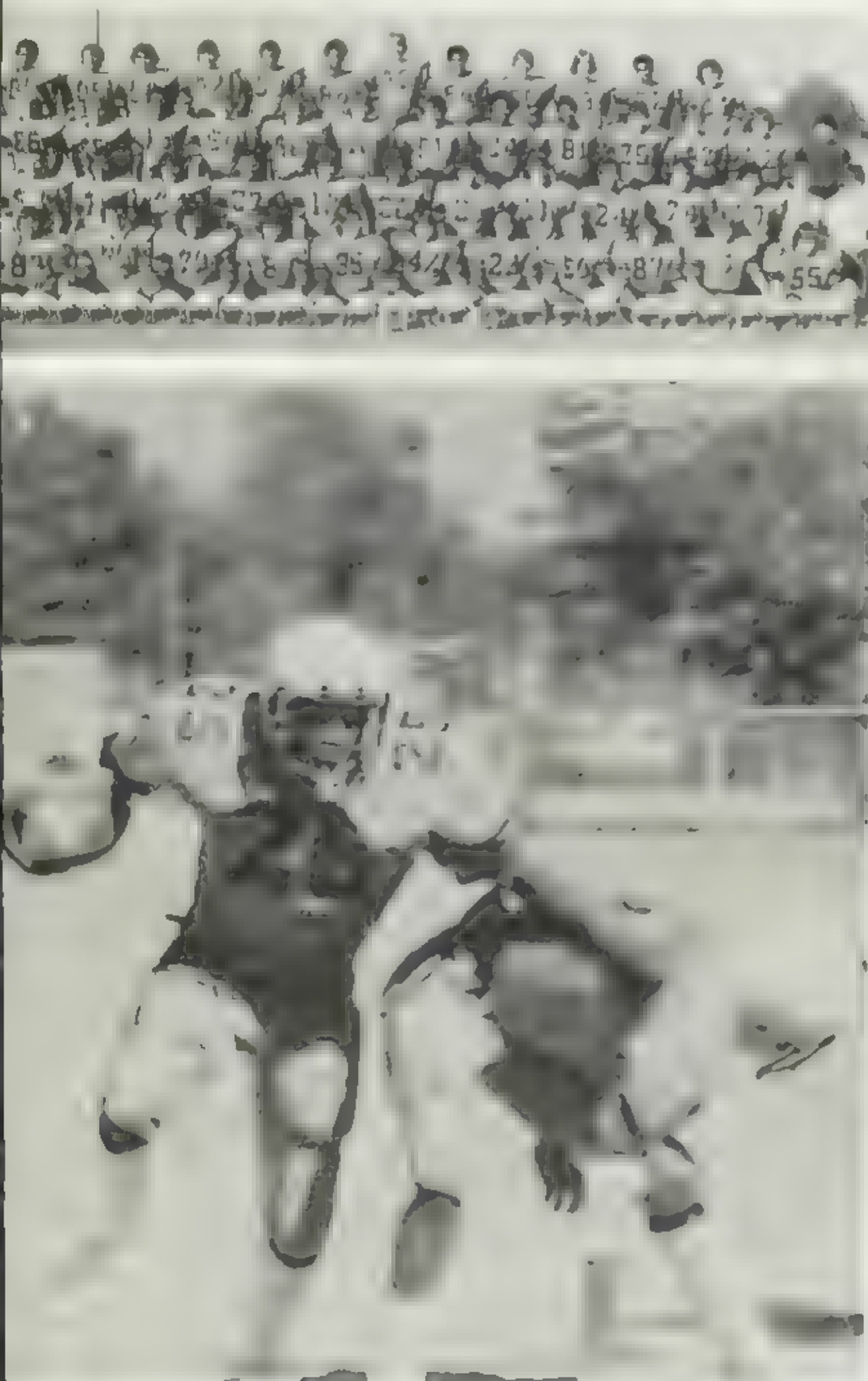
Setting himself defensively is Luke Tanne as he blocks an opponent during the game.

Getting a push from Kerry Snyder for an extra couple of yards is Derrick Fields.



JV FOOTBALL. FRONT ROW: Jerry Jones, Kern Crisman, Refugio Patino, Gary Andrews, Randy Stevens, Lucio Sanchez, Vincent Marquez, Jay Boutland, Robbie Spencer, Trey Baker, Phillip Heatherly. SECOND ROW: Steve Mowrey, Tony Rodriguez, David Flores, Mike Mathews, Shane Gravens, Charles Stuart, Renee Y'Barra, Karl Barney, Eric Jordan, Mark Roesser, Bobby Flores, Bruce Copeland, Jay Hardin. THIRD ROW: Lee

Nicholson, Gary Shultze, Billy Ables, Paul Hickox, Mack Jones, Scott Baber, Dee Eubanks, Roman Bell, Greg Bell, Robert Pekowski, Ken Hall, Butch Carlin, Ray Garza. FOURTH ROW: Troy Hickman, Ken Ellis, Ricky Brown, Lawrence Brossette, Herman Brown, D Arde Hayes, Mark Owen, Ron Modesty, Austin England, Cary Eiler, Robert Cooper, Marshall Williams. NOT PICTURED: Tim Rhodes and Jacob Flores



Showing his blocking around end for extra yardage is Greg Bell

## JV and Varsity taste victory

Although the season was not a big success as far as how many games were won, the junior varsity and sophomore football team had a great year. The players came from Mann, Franklin, and Lincoln Junior Highs. They combined together to compose the team that went 3-5-1 on the season. The Eagles beat San Angelo twice, and Big Spring once. This young team also held the powerful Cooper team to 13 points. Coach Bill Watkins had a few thoughts on the season, and the seasons ahead. He is quoted as saying: "The JV gains valuable experience by playing against the other teams in 5-AAAA. As coaches, we expect great things from these young men in the future." Coming from the coach, it sounds as if the Mighty Eagle football team should be considered with to win district, or become strong in the next few years. Who knows? Maybe the Cooper winning streak will be stopped at 14 games.

### Varsity Football

Abilene High's mighty Eagle football team got a taste of everything in their last three football games. Homecoming night found the Eagles lucky to gain a tie. On the last play of the game, a San Angelo player caught a bomb between three AHS defenders for an apparent touchdown, but a penalty nullified the play.

Against the number 8 team in the state, Midland Lee, AHS pulled the biggest upset of the year in 5-AAAA. Warbird receiver Kenny Joyner snagged a Loyal Proffitt pass to give AHS a 10-7 come-from-behind win.

Undefeated, untied, top ranked Cooper came in and shellacked the Eagles 35-6, thereby winning district in the last game of the season. However, Cooper met their match in bi district, losing to Lewisville.

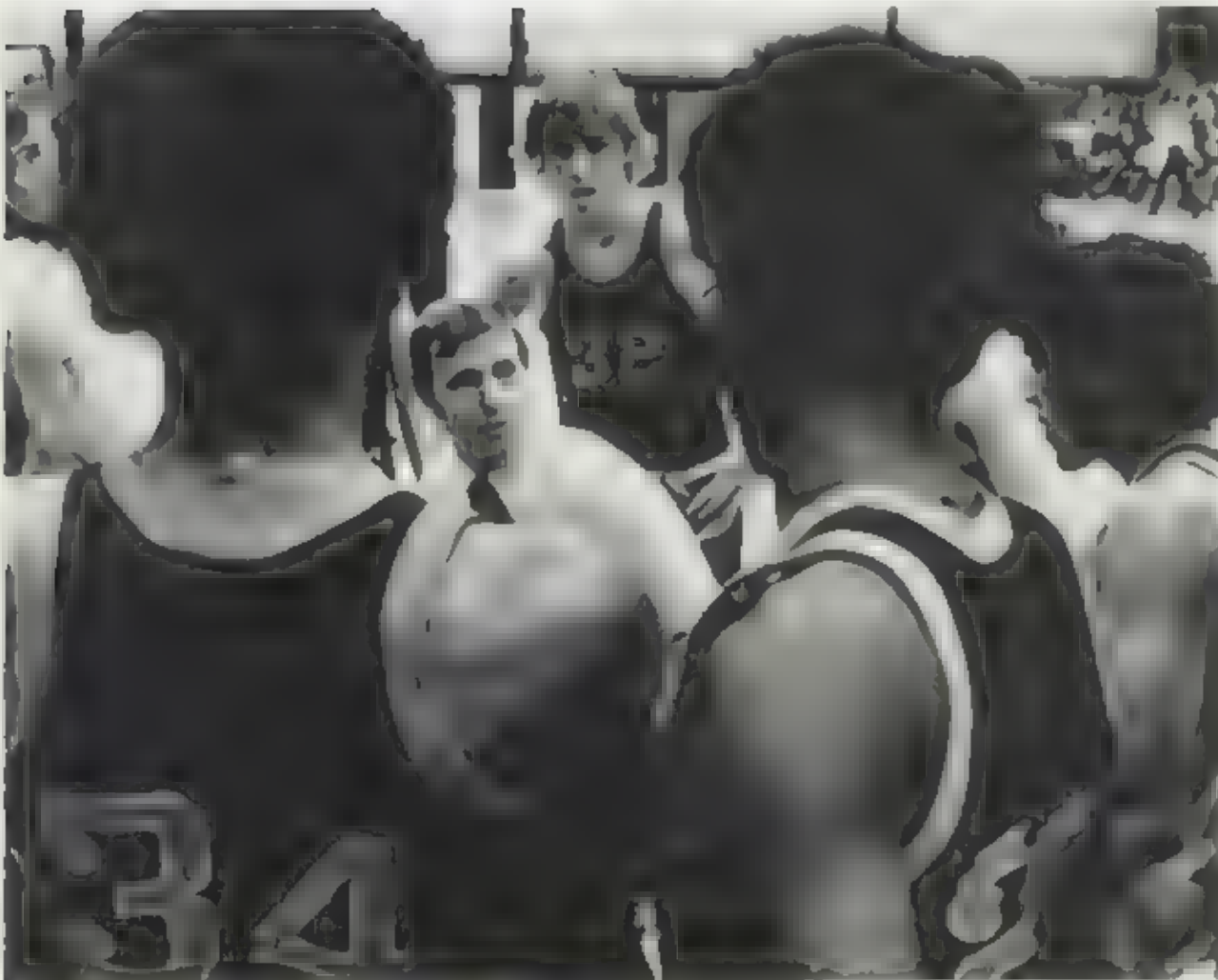
The 1980 Eagles have a lot to look forward to. With players such as Loyal Proffitt, Kenny Joyner, Gene Lackey, and Leo Parrish returning, the Warbirds seem to be promising for the future.

Shooting for two points Pat McGee and his fellow teammates in beating Cross River Valley to a 100-70 victory.



Passing the ball off Ty Saurines further advances the Eagles basketball team to victory.

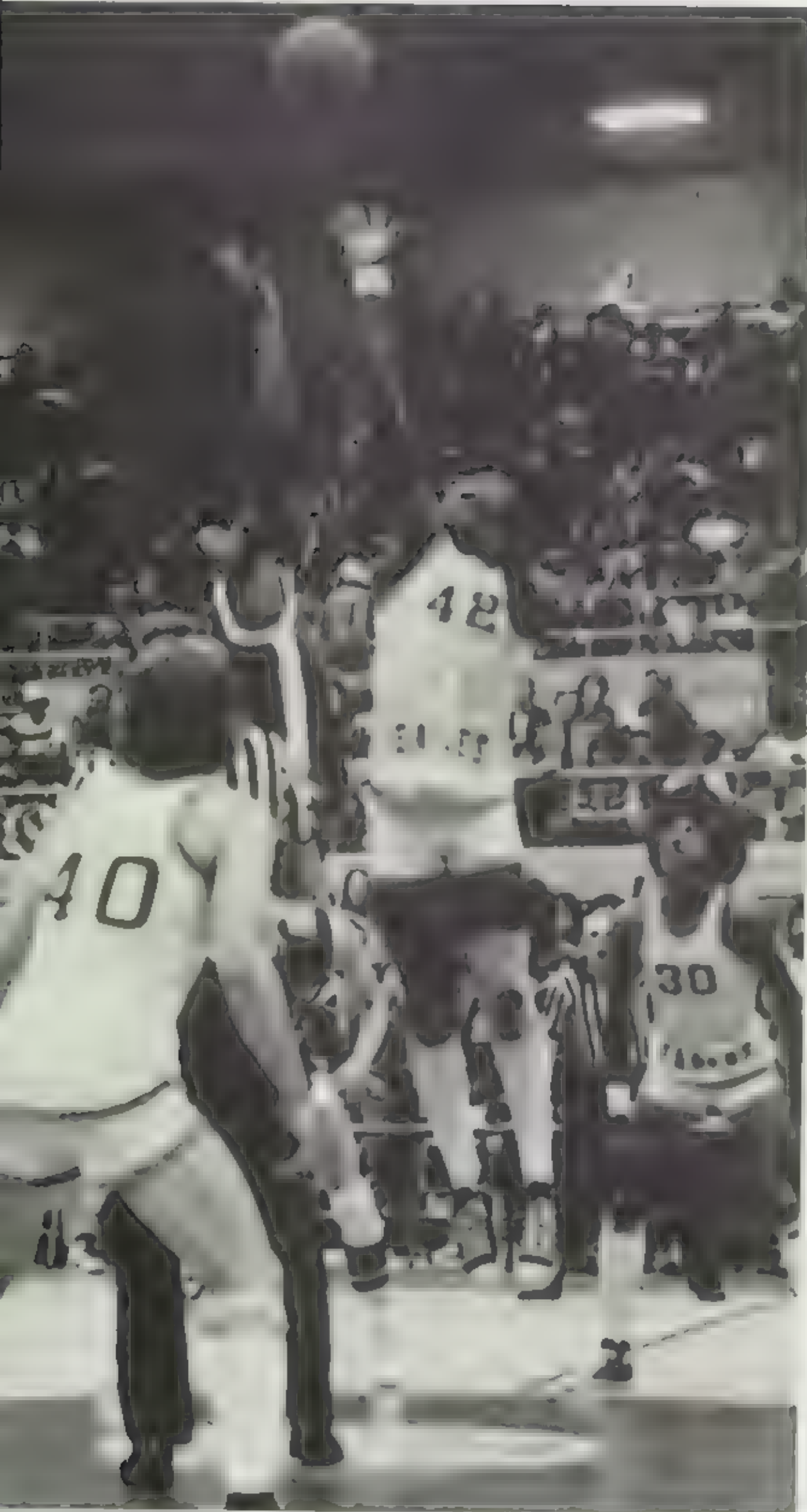
Psyching up his team with a fiery pep talk Coach Pierce attempts to send his players as well as the crowd's sense of belief that they can win.



Varsity Basketball FRONT ROW Adam Burch David Jenkins Ben Barrera Robert Haynes Matt Hill SECOND ROW Mike Hagesheimer

Andre Christian Pat McGee Jeff Hill David Pierce TERRY Hill W John Chak Ty Saurines Wright David Russett





## Warbirds have a winning first half

With a record of four wins and three losses at the conclusion of the first half of district basketball, the Eagles did better than most people thought they would.

The Eagle dribblers started the district competition with the Big Spring Steers and they had an easy time as they thumped the Steers by 25 points—87-52. The first road trip of district was the Permian Panthers, but the AHS team came out on the losing end with a score of 88-76. The following game they played the favored Midland High Bulldogs. A scare, but the Eagles fell short 66-57. The succeeding week they played the Odessa Bronchos, which they mauled by a final score of 69-43. A few days later the Warbirds lost a heartbreaker to the San Angelo Bobcats in overtime 52-51. With three seconds left in the game, Paul McGee took the ball from about 15 feet out and sank the shot, which tied the game, but the Eagles could not outscore the Bobcats in an overtime.

After the game with San Angelo, the team decided they were going to win their final two games of the first half. With two games remaining in the first half, the Eagles had a record of two wins and three losses, but they won their final two games. One was a big upset over the Midland Lee Rebels with a score of 72-68. The Rebels were tied for the district lead going into the game, but the Warbirds knocked them off the top. The Warbirds then beat their cross-town rival Cooper 59-48.

Jeff Hof, David Russell, Ty Sasin, Paul McGee, John Barrera, and Adam Burch led the team to a really good record in the first half of district. They also led the Eagles to a winning record in the second half.

## Varsity, JV rolling along in basketball

Mens basketball for the 1979-80 season saw the varsity team from Abilene High an imminent force. In the first half of district, Abilene High did quite well and rolled past Cooper in the last game of the first half. Coming off a big win, they began the second half against Big Spring

Big Spring put up a good struggle but was corralled by precision Eagle basketball with a final score of 73-61. Big Spring played well but could not coordinate their efforts into an effective force to challenge the Eagles. The Eagles prevailed in that game; however, the next two district saw the Eagles get their feathers a bit ruffled

Permian and Midland High both defeated the Eagles; Permian by a score of 83-82 and Midland High by a score of 71-65. Permian went on to take the district title in mens basketball

Abilene High was not without a victory in the Midland-Odessa area. When they played Odessa High, the Eagles proved superior and came out on top by a score of 83-68, but the San Angelo Kittens turned out to be real Bobcats when the Eagles faced them in the next game. San Angelo won by a score of 66-54

After San Angelo, the Eagles faced Midland Lee in a close contest that the Eagles tame the Rebels by a score of 60-58

The final game of the season for the

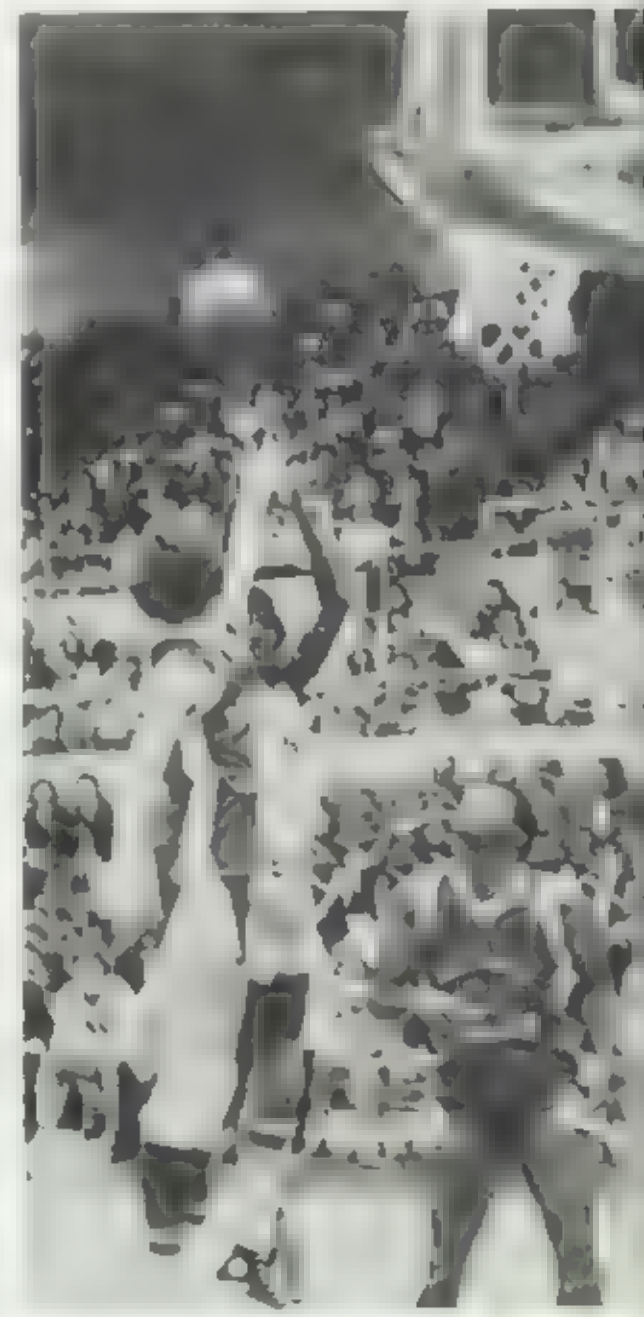
Eagles was against Cooper High School. The tables were turned against the Eagles in the re-match. Cooper won the game by a score of 61-50

The Eagles' second half record was fairly evenly split; they won three games and lost four. Under the guidance of Coach Dub Pierce the Eagles were able to come out of district in good standing and with the respect of their opponents. Coach Pierce did an excellent job in his first year as head basketball coach

"Exciting" could be the word to use to describe the Junior Varsity season for mens basketball at Abilene High. Overall JV ended up with an overall record of 18 wins to 9 losses; the JV ended district play with a final record of 10 wins to 4 losses. Coach Gerald Coppedge led the young JV team and was pleased with the final results of district play

District play opened for the team against San Angelo in which the Eagles defeated the Bobcats. They went on to defeat Big Spring, Midland High, Odessa, and Cooper. The varsity should be in good shape if some of the JV players can take the place of the retiring Seniors

The second half of district play was almost a flashback of the first half. The only losses for the JV came against Midland High and Midland Lee; Permian, Big Spring, San Angelo, Cooper, and Odessa all succumbed to the Eagle JV team



As the ball sails toward the hoop, P. W. McGee guides the shot with his eyes as David Russell stands ready to grab the rebound

Encountering some opposition, David Russell attempts the shot over the heads of the Cooper defenders



player, Bobby Stokes, takes a long shot at the hoop



Guarding a Cooper player, Shane Travens, the guard, gets ready for a charge

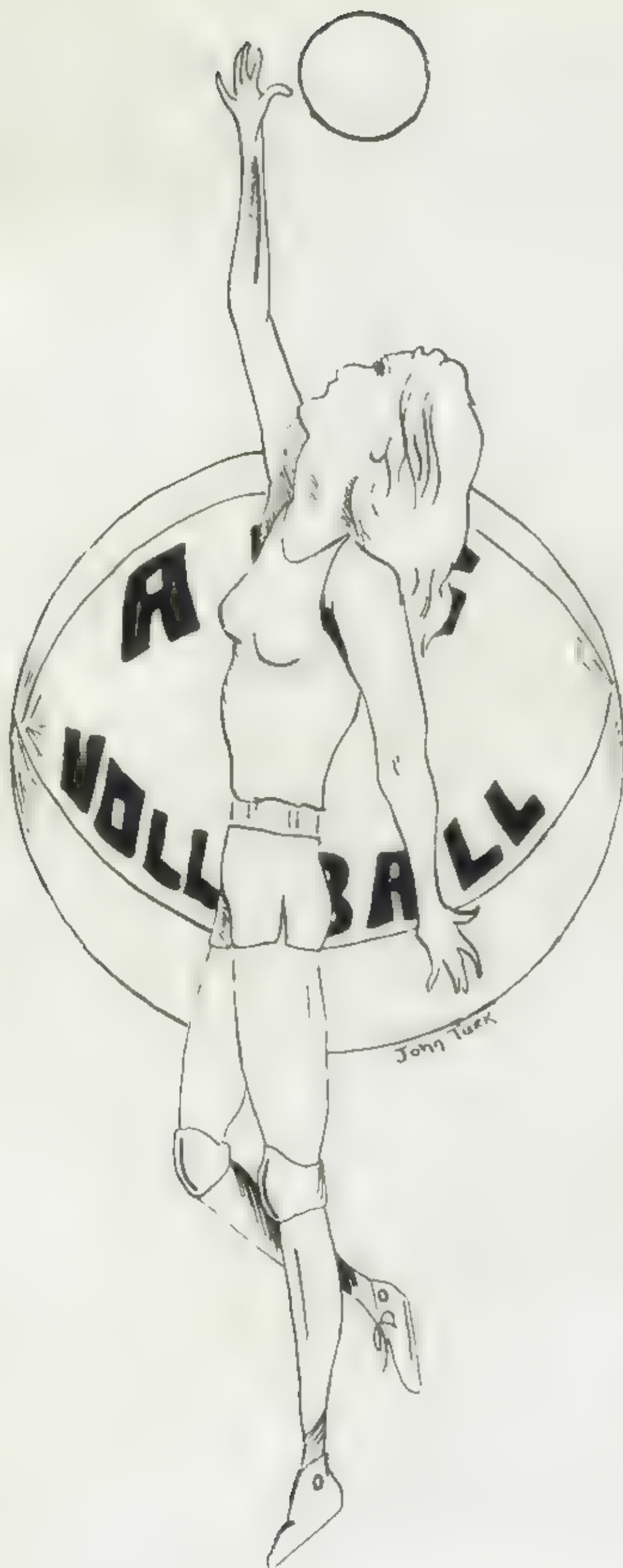


Reaching for the heavens, Shane Travens releases the ball, hoping for adding two points to the Eagle score

The 1979-1980 Eagle V Basketball team Front Row: Tony Appleby, Nate Harris, Freddy Tanks, Shane Travens, Coach. Second Row: Aaron Anderson, Tony Mack, Edie Edwards, George Gonzalez, Kenneth Apple, and Mrs. Betty Stokes. Third Row: Aaron Apple, Fred Mack, John Apple, Michael Apple, and Tony New, Trainer.







## **Attitudes beneficial to '80 Varsity, JV play**

AHS Eagle girls volleyball team saw new light in their play as they began the '79-'80 district play. The team consisted of new players, aided by a new coach who used old tricks to lead her team a triumphant season.

Their record didn't show this light in their last half of their schedule. Winning only a few games during this time was all they could manage. The losses were fought to a showdown in most matches only to have the other team come up on top.

Led by Ms. Janet Dunlavy for the first time, the team showed great potential in both varsity and junior varsity. Winning was not a foreign word to the JV team who came out of the season with a 15-5 record.

Despite their record, the 1979-'80 girls varsity volleyball team showed great play and team spirit in the game they played as they moved forward into the new decade.

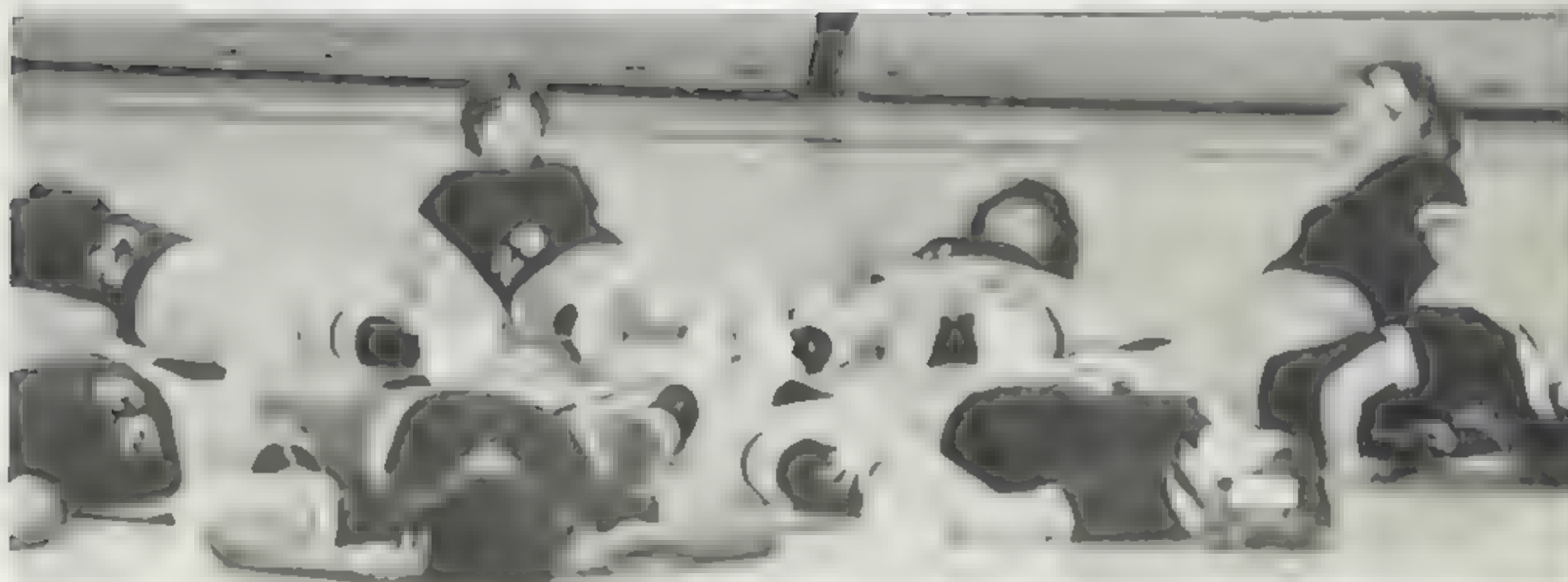
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The athletic form of volleyball can be an inspiration for many artists.

Anticipating another Eagle victory is Coach Janet Cummings.



Stretching out before the Sweetwater game are the Abilene High girls junior varsity team



Making points for her team, an on-fortified player sets the ball up for another eagle victory



perfect hitting form is shown by Renetta Lomas



Preparing to serve an ace is the only thing on Tracy Hubbard's mind

## Eagles want crown

Bump, set, hit. Those three words are to Eagle volleyball as "Press Eagles Win" is to Warbird basketball. The girls volleyball team did just that as the varsity compiled a 6-14 record, whereas the JV was somewhat of a Cinderella team, going 15-5. The varsity, led by senior lettermen Rhonda Ritchie, Stacia Blahak, and Melody Garson and juniors Jena Garcia, Kay Koerner, and Susan Ogle, the young Eagles, coached by Mrs. Janet Cummings, gained valuable experience. However, the JV team is the team to be

reckoned with in the future. Mrs. Cummings said, "We are really looking forward to our 1980 season. Many of our starting girls from varsity will be returning next year. Plus a few girls from this year's JV will be moving up."

She also said, "We will have a lot of talent. And we will use that talent to the best of our abilities." With an impressive 15-5 record, it seems that a district crown could be one of the many trophies that this Eagle team could bring to AHS.



JV volleyball: FRONT ROW: Terry Prado, Louise Gilt, Monica Sigala, Kelly Higgins, Renetta Lomas  
BACK ROW: Coach Cummings, Coach Raughton

Raye Rae, Sheila Basey, Faye Rae, Tracy Hubbard, manager Nancy Brown, Simone Christman

Perfecting her control over the basketball, Mary Hopkins readies herself to meet her opponents



Preparing to evade her opponents, Sharon Jones concentrates on passing the ball, while Karen Washington guards



Beating out her opponent by only a handspan, Mary Hopkins jumps to gain possession of the ball for the AHS women's varsity basketball team

The 1979-80 women's basketball team consists of Front row: Racheal Berrera, Mary Hopkins, Shirl Payne, Sonya Roberts, Karen Washington, Shirley Walker. Back row: Drenda Thomas, Sharon Jones, Cheryl Turner, Rose Baldwin, Julie Eversdyke, Debra Grant





In a tangle of bodies, AHS basketballers Shirl Payne and Debra Grant fight to catch the ball



ing for the hoop, despite her opponents from back, Rose Baldwin tries for another two points to h the game

## Pre-season shows women's stuff

AHS women's basketball team had a good pre-season in 1979-1980. They started off the season with a scrimmage against Wylie High School. AHS came out on top with a score of 41-24. Another exciting game was played against Merkel who defeated the Eagles 49-34. Lubbock Coronado challenged AHS and fell to the Eagles, 72-61. Trying to continue a winning streak the Eagles took on Brownwood and succeeded by coming out on top with a score of 44-27. Later on in the season Miss Pam Raughton's basketball team played Jim Ned, sinking

57 points to Jim Ned's 42 points. Abilene High made it three wins in a row. In the last game of pre-season, AHS manhandled Brownwood to a tune of 67-48.

Two pre-season tournaments were held, one in Brownwood and one in Sweetwater. The Key City Tournament saw action in Eagle gym. Even though the Eagles lost a couple of games, they always bounced back with the support of Coach Raughton, and the fans who helped women's basketball gain publicity.



## Womens' basketball teams surprise AHS

Proving what many believed, the 1979-1980 girls varsity basketball team gave forth a promising season. The team had a twenty-one-seven record. They won five games and lost two in the first half of district. In the second half of district their record was six and one.

They were beat by Midland Lee in the first game of the second half 56-50. If they had beat Midland Lee they would have won the second half crown. One more good thing about this year was that they beat cross-town rival Cooper three times, once in pre-district 42-34, and twice in district by scores 51-45, 49-43 respectively.

Karen Washington, Tracy Hubbard, and Debra Grant all had over 250 points for the year. Shirl Payne and Julie Eversdyk had over one hundred points. These five players led the teams to its best record ever.

### Junior Varsity

The girls J.V. basketball team finished with a record of nine wins and fifteen losses. They still had a very impressive season by what Coach Pam Raughton stated. Tammy Copperge, Stephanie Jones, Benita Burnett, Latricia Pinon, Linda Walker, Sherril Smith, and Sheila Basez were the players that helped keep the team together throughout the year.

One thing that the team did not do right was to beat their cross-town rivals the Cooper Cougars; the junior-varsity lost both times by scores of 49-31, and 67-30.

Coach Pam Raughton stated that the Junior Varsity should have a very good season next year.

Concentrating on the rim of the basket, Monica Sigala wants to make the free throw badly.



Going for the basket during warm-ups, Sherril Smith is the ball up.



Coming down the court Stephanie Jones runs defend the ball against a player.

Jammed between two Permian players, Tammy Coppedge tries to pass the ball



Holding the ball up, Debra Grant looks at the referee to see who has fouled



Women's JV basketball FRONT ROW Beverly Hubbard, Lizzie Morris, Leticia Pinion, Monica Terry Prado, Betty Raiston, Senona Row assistant coach Janna Anderson Tammy Coppedge, Sherrel Smith, Linda Walker, Stephanie Jones, Louise Gill, and Coach Pam Raughton



Shooting the ball Julie Eversdyk hopes for a point

While in practice high jumper Dana Smith spends more time in the air than on the ground



In yet another day of practice Kaye Land ponders the countless miles she has already run



The 1979-1980 Varsity Women's track team are  
Front Row Louise Gil Patricia Campbell Tammy  
Madonado Kaye Land Susan Oxford Amber Yacobi

Second Row Mary Lynn Charlene Newman Debra  
Sommers Moxie Robinson Cindy Bass Stephanie  
Jones Sharon Jones Sherry Teeters



inding up for the throw, Charlene Newman is  
bserved by a curious spectator



rdling for Cindy Ross appears to be a casual  
dertaking

## Eagle women sprint to fine finish

Way back in the dark, dreary days of February, the girl's track team officially began their season at the tri-meet at Cooper. This was only a practice meet for the girls but it prepared them for things to come. March 8 found the girl's team in Killeen competing in the Ellison Girl's Relays. Sherry Teeters accomplished a sixth place in the discus, and the 440 yard relay team just missed qualifying for the finals. The results of the meet were mixed, but they were promising.

Substantial progress had been made since Coach Diane Anderson began workouts till the girls traveled to Olney for the Olney Cubette Relays. The overall score for the team was tenth out of thirty-five teams. One week later at the Concho Belle Relays in San Angelo, the girl's track team scored only when Stephanie Jones qualified in the long jump.

The girls ran their hearts out at the Lady Bluebonnet Relays in Brownwood. They put in a fine showing and placed third overall in team standings. In some of the individual events, the 880 relay team gained a first place, the 440 relay team was third, and the mile relay team was fourth. Stephanie Jones was a second in the triple jump with Sharon Jones coming in third in the 440 meter dash. Numerous other fine performances were turned in by other members of the team. The next meet was in San Angelo at the Lake View meet. The girls slumped a little from their past performance they turned in at Brownwood. The highest place recorded in any event was a sixth place.

After legging their way through most of the season, the girl's track team had one more hurdle to cross at the district meet at ACU. The mile relay team came in fourth place, and the 800 meter relay team came in fifth. It was the last season for a very few seniors that were on the team which consisted mostly of sophomores. Coach Anderson expressed her pride in the girls and their efforts and was pleased with the season.

## Eagle runners romp through region

Endurance and speed, power and grace, drive and determination, was what qualified girls at Abilene High School to run cross-country, or be a part of a relay team.

A two-mile jaunt through the countryside made up a cross-country race. The runners were highly trained and in the most fit condition. The girls ran anywhere from 5 to 10 miles per day in order to get into shape. They ran up and down hills, on streets, or on grass.

Eagle relay teams enjoyed great success in their running. At the Lady Bluebonnet Relays in Brownwood, the Eagle 880-yard relay team placed first. The runners were Stephanie Jones, Amber Yacono, Louise Gill, and Phyllis Wiley. Also, at the meet, Lizzie Morris, Sharon Jones, Louise Gill, and Phyllis Wiley, placed third in the 440-yard relay. And then to complete a near sweep in medals, the mile relay team of Lizzie Morris, Kaye Land, Stephanie Jones, and Patricia Campbell, placed fourth. Overall the Eagles track team placed third in the meet. Therefore, these girls combined endurance with speed to propel the Eagles to a successful season.

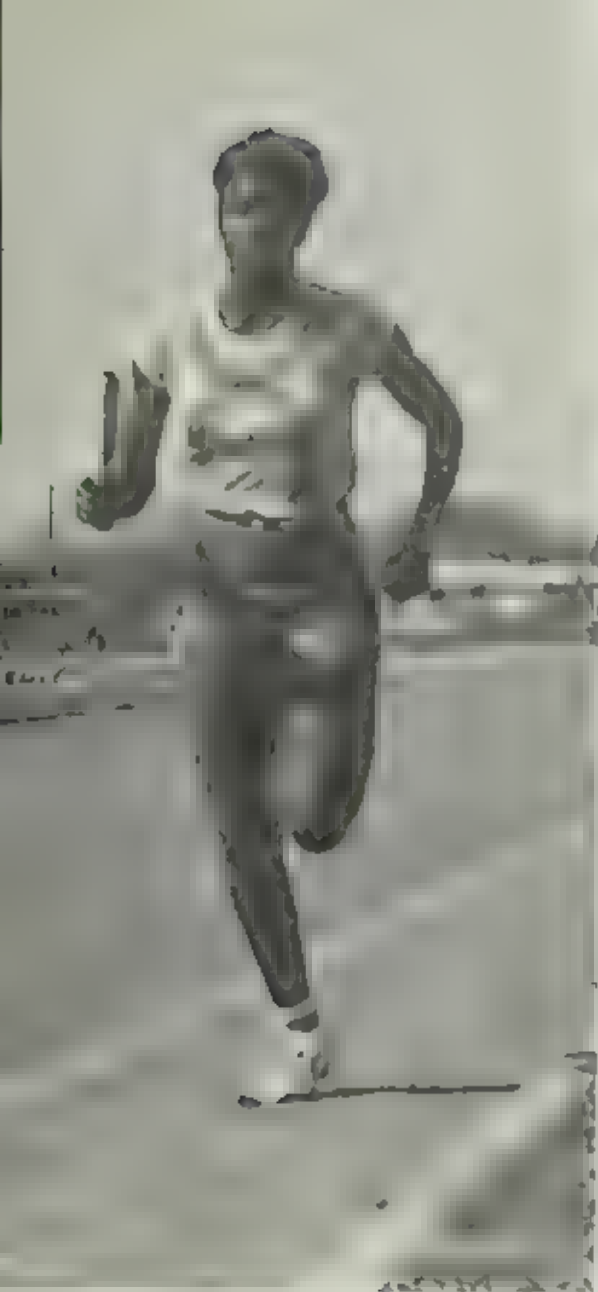
The baton securely in her hand, Phyllis Wiley slides for the tape.



Reaching deep inside for the last ounce of strength, Mary Lin runs for the wire.

Competition exists between Amber Yacono and Kaye Land, as Kaye extends her lead.





Running the anchor leg requires practice for Phyllis Wiley



In between events, Moxie Robinson, Amber Yacand, and Susie Oxford, take a breather



Getting out of the damp, cold weather, Stephanie Jones gets a moment of relaxation

Strengthening her stride as she nears the tape Stephanie Jones completes her practice run



Waiting for the throw from the pitcher, Pat Stokes holds the runner close to third base

## Eagle baseballers third in first half

As the 1980 baseball season opened a person could just feel it was going to be a half way decent year. It could have been because of the returning starters or the new coach here at Abilene High. Bill Watkins took over the position of head baseball coach from Coach Blair. Whatever spurred this feeling, it turned out to be pretty much so true, in the first half

The team this year saw a lot of talent not only from the returning starters such as Mac Rogers, Ed Locke, Mike Blackwell, Fred Johnson, Seth Smith and others, the team did not lack experience. With Mac Rogers and Ed Locke as ace pitchers, there weren't many obstructions standing in the way of a district championship

Taking over the job from Tommy Blair, Coach Bill Watkins trained his players in every way possible. He led his team to a third place finish in the first half of district play

All in all the team did as well as expected. The AHS varsity baseball team gained valuable experience in the first half of district play



Sliding in to second base, Gary Drew desperately fights to be safe

Showing his winning form, pitcher Ed Locke hurts another strike

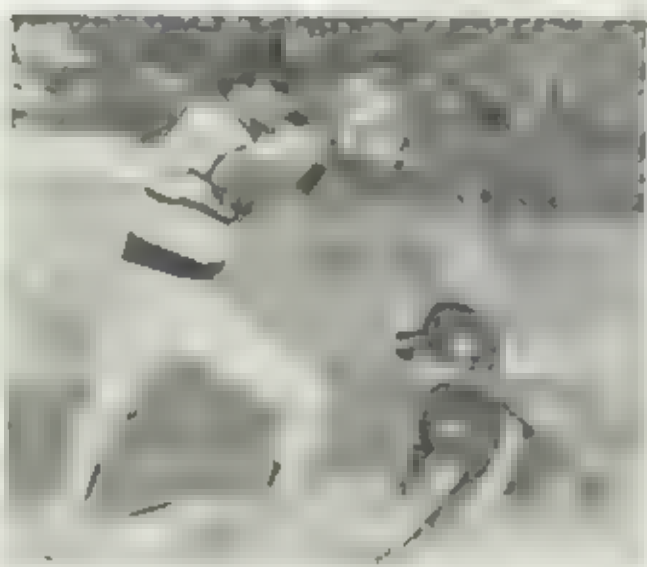


University Baseball, FRONT ROW: Mike Hughes, manager, Mike Harrell, Mike Blackwell, Fred Johnson, Mike Saucedo, George Stewart, manager SECOND ROW: W. Raymond Romero, Carl Dodd, Pat Stokes,

Bobby Oles, Mark Hudson, Lyndall Gathright, trainer BACK ROW: Jim Miliken, Nolan Rives, Ed Locke Brian Oden, Mac Rogers, Seth Smith, Gary Drew



demonstrating a powerful bat, Raymond Romero lines another hit against Cooper



After stealing third base, Mike Blackwell gets up slowly

Sliding safely into second base Mike Blackwell moves into scoring position

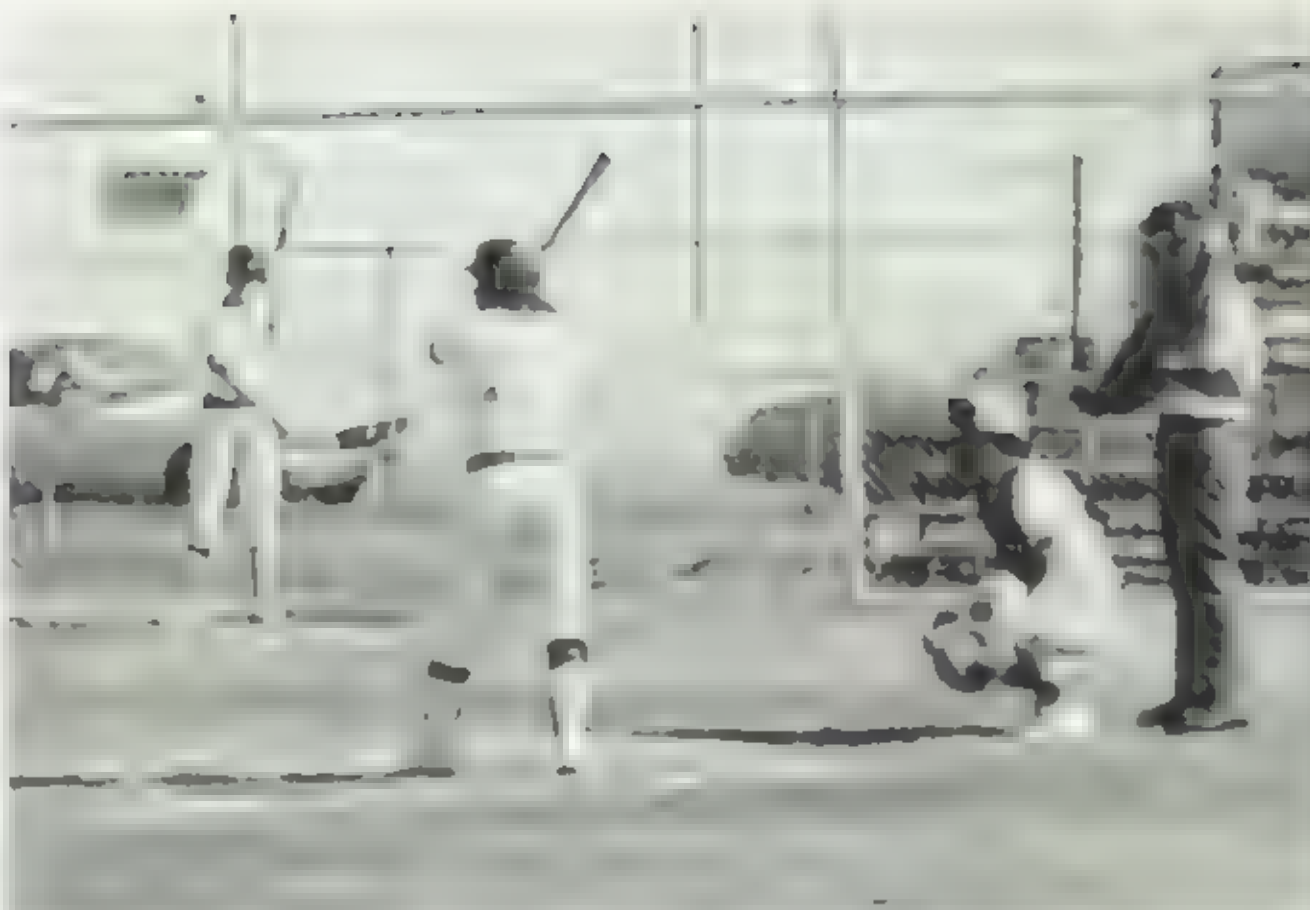
As Steve Connally prepares to slam the ball, Dee Eubanks warms up

## JV'ers prepare for varsity

Two double headers were cancelled all because of rain when the JV baseball played. It seemed odd that the only rain that we had came on game days.

The J.V. baseball team played a total of eight games this season. Out of town games were played against Snyder and San Angelo. The Snyder game was a good game and almost everybody on the team got to play. Games that were played in town were against Cooper, Snyder, San Angelo, and Big Spring. The main pitchers that played in this game were David Flores, and Shane Gravens.

Coach Bill Dudberry was happy the way the team improved as the season went on. The only thing that he was displeased with was the small number of games. Coach Sudberry summed up J.V. baseball by saying, "The real purpose of the J.V. team was to find out who was good enough to play on the Varsity team



Anxiously watching for the next pitch, Dee Eubanks awaits the chance to steal third

Eagle batter David Flores keeps his eye on the ball while playing at Blackburn Field







Winding up before the action, left shows Shane Gravens of a good hit



Baseball Team. FRONT ROW: Coach Birdberry, Bobby Romero, Mike Dawkins, Steve Wiley, David Flores, Jeff Martin, Manuel Lopez, Craig Johnson, Stan Standard, Eugene Bams. BACK

ROW: Tony Northrup, Rick Wainbow, Dee Eubanks, Tony Rodriguez, Tony Rodriguez, Scott Hamilton, Shane Gravens, Jay Turre, Lee Nicholson, Mike Mays, John Howell

Practicing before running the intermediate hurdles is Jeff Hagemann

With a full stride, Leo Parrish puts on the spread to cross the finish line with a good time



Laying down on the pole vault pit, Gary Andrews rests after a long day of work out



Going over the bar Greg Landry clears 13'6"

Leading the pack, Jeff Hagemann goes over the hurdle ahead of a Cooper runner



Flying through the air with a determined look sophomore Charles Steurt soars with a long jump of 18 2 3/4



## Eagles get fourth in district track meet

In the district 5-AAAA track meet the Eagles came in fourth with San Angelo, the team that was picked to win the meet. The Permian Panthers were first while the Cooper Cougars were in second. The Cougars and Permian were tied in points at 79 apiece with the last race of the meet, the 1600 meter relay. The Eagles came in fifth, David Russell threw down the baton, against UIL rules and AHS was disqualified. Mojo was moved up one notch getting two more points and winning the district 5-AAAA track title by a slim margin over Cooper.

The runners and throwers placing for regionals were Eddie Guillen in the 400 and 200 meter dashes, Steve Ford placed in the shotput, Greg Carter made it in the 1600 meter run, and Mark Smith placed for regionals by getting first place in the 100 meter dash.



men's track, FRONT ROW Mark Smith, Tony Munoz, Melvin Sanchez, Leo Parish, Donald Hopes, Jeff Hagemann, Greg Carter, Elias Bernal, Vincent Marquez, Gary Andrews. BACK ROW Coach Jim

Pope, Eric Jordan, Greg Landry, Eddie Guillen Wesley Gorman, D Arde Hayes, Steve Ford, Joe Brown, Clarence Moore, Ken Ha



## Tracksters lap up 1979-1980 season

Over hills and over dales, the Abilene High cross-country track team ran undaunted through trees and across gullies. They practiced long and ran hard.

Coach Pope said training for the cross-country meets was begun back in the summer before school started. They were building up their leg strength and endurance while most people were still sleeping till noon. There were only four men's cross-country runners. This was one less than the usual five member team. They participated in meets at ACU, Lubbock, Brownfield, Big Spring and San Angelo, which was their district meet.

Greg Carter put in a very fine showing for AHS by placing first in the ACU meet. He finished up sixth in district. Tommy Gilmore placed eighth in the Brownwood JV. Jesse Gutierrez placed third in the ACU meet. Nathan Withers also ran for the AHS cross-country.

JV track was hard to define since there was actually no JV track. Coach James Pope said that he gave a lot of the juniors and sophomores a chance to run in the JV category if they went to a meet that had a JV category. They ran varsity if there was no JV. Running in the JV gave Juniors and sophomores a chance to gain valuable experience and to run against competition where they had a good chance of winning.

These entered as members competed at Graham and won first. They competed again at Brownwood and captured second place. In the Wylie Invitational meet at ACU, the JV came in second place. The season for the men's cross-country had its ups and downs, and the men's JV participants gained valuable experience to use in future seasons.



Running with ease and satisfaction, Tommy Gilmore takes it all in stride.

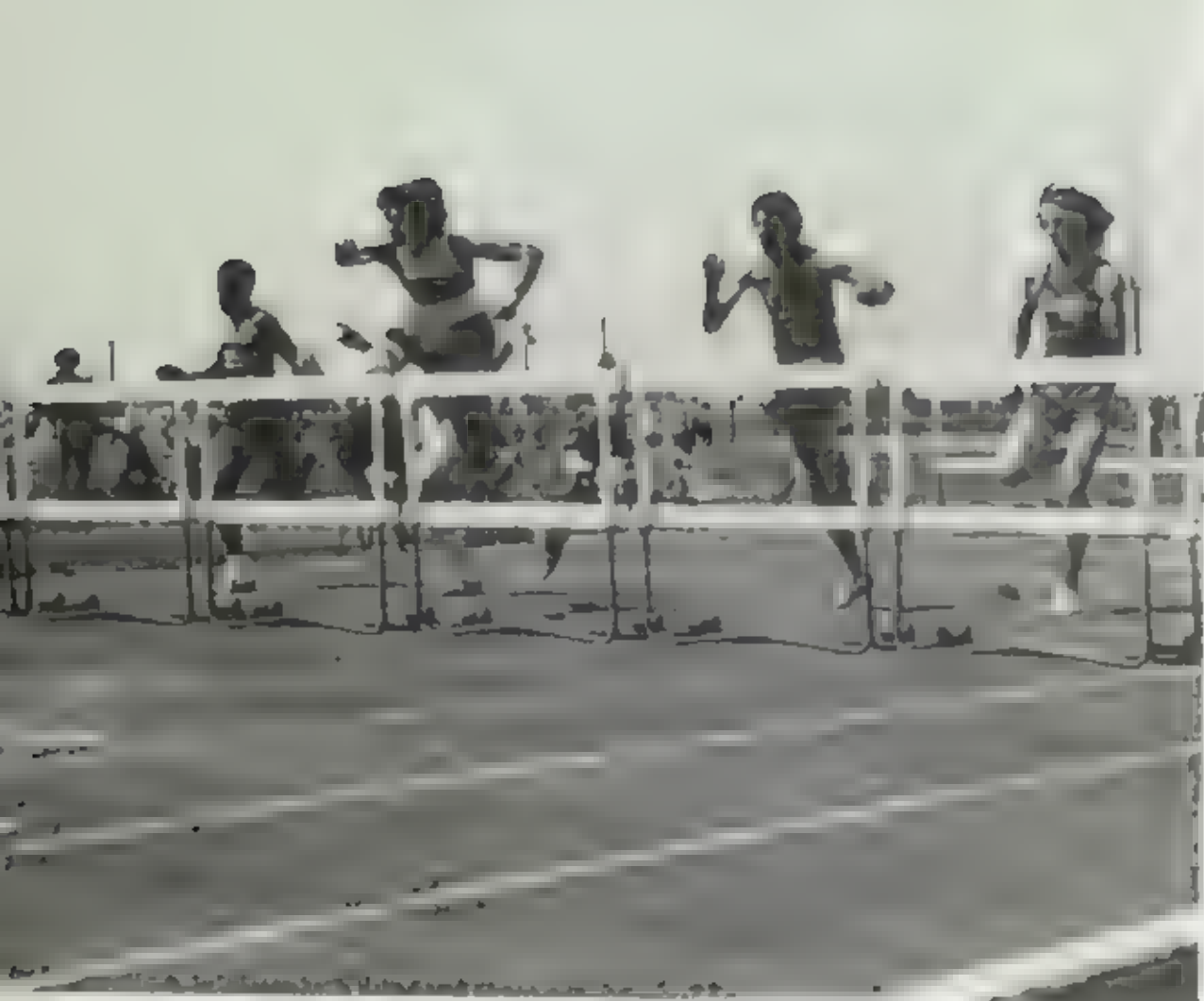


Oblivious to all around him, Greg Carter expresses the concentration needed to be a good runner.



Putting their best foot forward, Mark Smith, Leo Parrish, and Tony Munoz, and Donald Hopes take time out to run for the fun of it

On his way to the finish line, Loyal Proffitt goes over the last hurdle leaving the competition to eat his dust





Concentrating on which way to put the ball, *Ida Bourland* lines up the ball with the hole.

Swinging with great skill, *Buck Whitehead* hits the ball onto the fairway.





team. **FRONT ROW:** Coach Walker, Buck Whitehead, Rusty Bridges, Don Henry, Glen Ritter

**BACK ROW:** Brad Manning, Perfecto Camacho, Jay Bourland, Richard Martinez, Dewain Traylor



## Golfers have underpar season

Even though the AHS golf team did not prove themselves in the district 5-4A golf tournament, their best play came in the regular season tournaments. The team made a poor showing in the district tournament placing eighth with a 1673. Don Henry was the star Warbird golfer during the tournaments.

Coach Walker, the first year coach here at AHS took over for Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Walker lead his team to an outstanding season, finishing in top standings in almost every tournament. The biggest disappointment was that they did not get anybody to go to regionals even though they had some outstanding players like Don Henry, and Buck Whitehead. They were the two top golfers of the 1980 golf season.



Making sure he uses the correct technique, Rusty Bridges watches the ball and club before he swings.

Studying the green, Rusty Bridges gets ready to putt the ball into the cup.

Fans root for their favorite swimmer at a swim meet at Atlantic Y.M.C.A.



Striving for a perfect dive in front of an attentive crowd, is Sheila Hoover



Senior John Turk uses correct form of the butterfly stroke in a race

A definite challenge for Diane Valencia is her opponent, who is arm's length ahead



Abilene High School Swim Team for 1979-1980  
is. FRONT ROW: Carlos Martinez, Adam Anderson,  
John Wall, Maggie Howell, Lisa Clevenger, Katy

Klump, BACK ROW: Robert Trasp, Tim Cordray,  
John Turk, Greg Turk, Quinton Peoples, Toby  
Bayne, Michael Waldmann

## Swimmers make splash at regionals

AHS swim team had a very hectic schedule this year. First of all they had to keep in shape. They worked out every morning and afternoon at the YMCA with weights to develop strong muscles. To build their lung capacity, they had to run a few miles every day. Swimmers improved their stroke and upper body muscles by using the swim machine. The team's members swam about three to four miles in the morning and about two to two and a half miles in the afternoon. Miss Beverly Ball and both AHS and Cooper swim teams worked out together and competed against each other every week.

There were fourteen young men on the team and about six young women on the team. An outstanding swimmer on the team was Toby Bane who broke the school record in the two-hundred yard medley, which contains four different strokes, and the one-hundred yard breast stroke.

The team went to about ten invitational meets out of town, to such places as Midland, Odessa, Austin, and Texas Tech in Lubbock. Some of the events they had were diving, breast stroke, and freestyle.

Swimming was just any other sport. It took skill, perseverance and a lot of work. The 1979-1980 swimmers met these qualifications which led them to a successful year.

Swim team members dry off after getting out of the pool.





## Gymnastics offers skill and competition

A demanding sport that required many hours of dedication was gymnastics. The Abilene High gymnasts gave not only themselves but their time. The average time, about twenty hours a week, did not include teaching gymnastics during the Monday night program or extra time at home making up routines.

It was a year round sport demanding most of the year except maybe two or three weeks during the summer.

To compete on any piece of apparatus, it was mandatory that each gymnast had two routines, a compulsory and an optional. A compulsory was a routine that was already made and could not be altered in any way. The optional was each gymnast's own original routine that expressed a part of their personality. The women's apparatus included the uneven parallel bars, the balance beam, rings, floor exercise and the vault. The men's apparatus was the high bar, the parallel bars, the pommel horse, rings, floor exercise, and long horse vaulting.

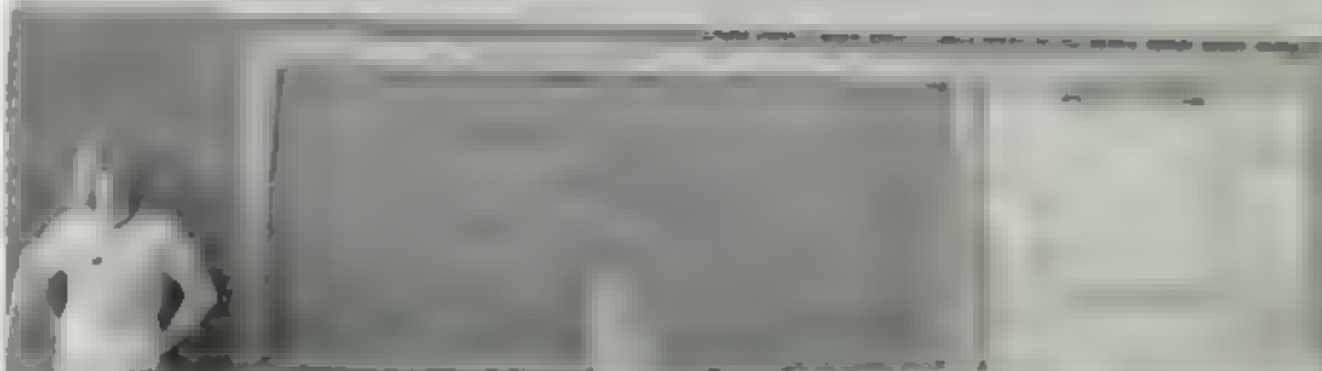
Gymnastics is a demanding sport. Last year the women's team placed third. Coach Seidel and his assistant, Joe Amatto, were looking into the season optimistically hoping for a higher place in state.



Perfecting one's routines can be frustrating and exhausting as Kathy Otto shows on the day before the meet.

A front lever, one of the most difficult skills, is shown by Mark Caffey.

A very high straddle leap over the beam is performed by Jeanette Fuller.





Showing his flexibility, Michael Balanchere holds a needle on the parallel bars

While watching a routine, Melodi Dairymple and Joe Amatto finds time to rest



the rings, Terry Houlihan dislocates into a difficult



Posing for the judges, Melodi Dairymple shows one of her pommel horse routines

A smile on his face and his arms in the air, Thomas Williams gives an indication that he was successfully getting the weight over his head.

## Eagles pump iron

In the second annual weight lifting competition against cross-town rival Cooper High, the Abilene High weight lifting team put their muscles on the line. There had been much preparation by the team before the competition took place. During registration this summer, students who wanted to look and feel better decided to become a part of Coach George Forkerway's weight lifting class.

Coach Forkerway has a definite plan and schedule for every size person that comes into his class. He can assure most everyone that they will become bigger, stronger, and faster, but visions of the six-million dollar man would be shooting just a little high. He could ready anyone for a competition such as the one that took place.

The competition was close, but Cooper narrowly defeated the Eagles. The final point standings were 22,790 points for Cooper, and 22,730 points for Abilene High. The two teams competed in four events in three different weight categories. The bench press, military press, leg press, and the one-mile run were the tests of each competitor's ability.

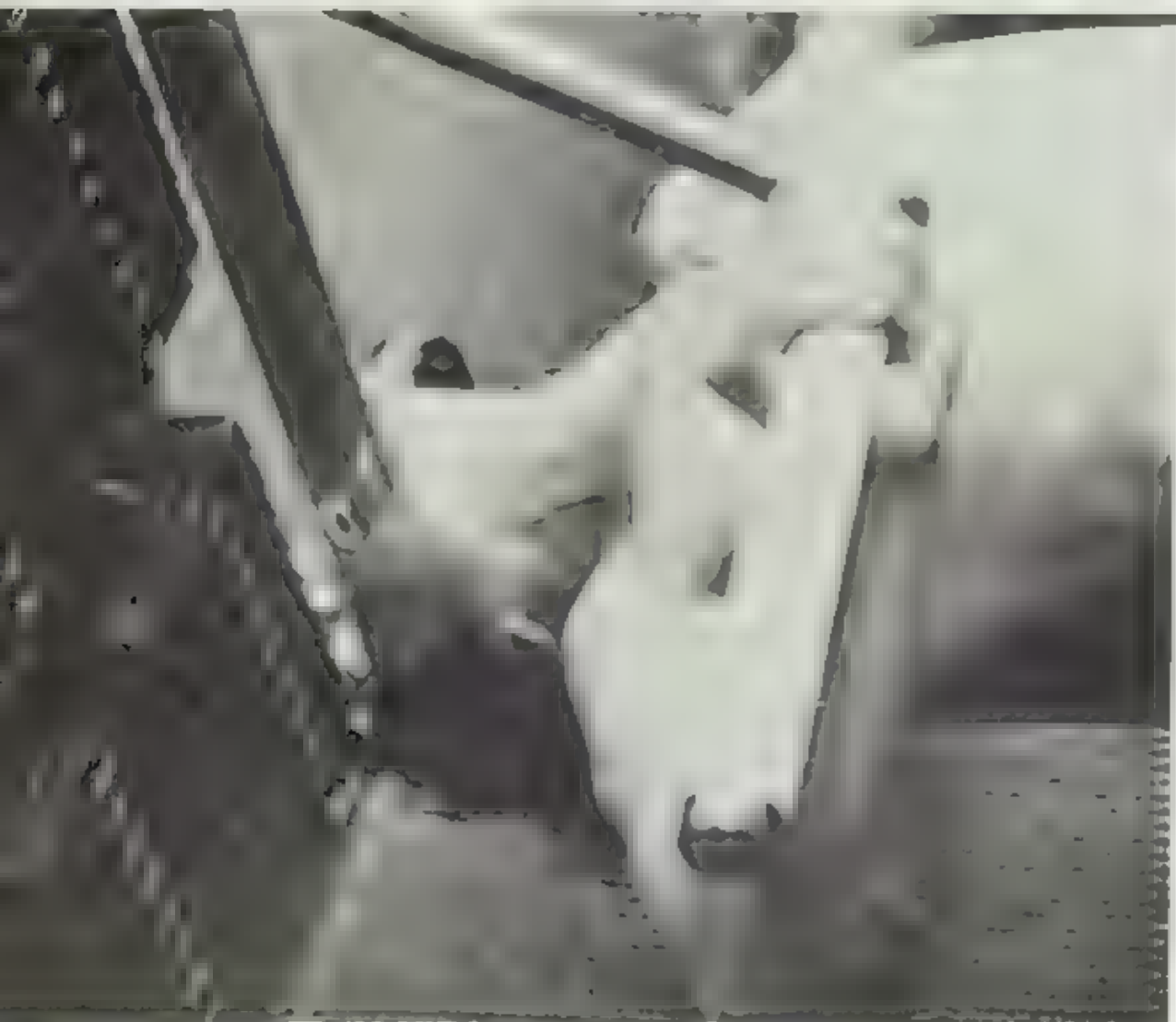
The three weight divisions were the heavyweight, middleweight, and lightweight. Cooper won the heavyweight division with a total of 6,225 points to 6,040. Steve Hambright was the top Eagle in heavyweight point standings. Abilene High won the middleweight and lightweight divisions with 8,435 points in the middleweight division and 8,255 points in the lightweight division. David Wolfe was the top Eagle in the middleweight division with Tracey Runnels top Eagle in the lightweight division. Despite these winning efforts by the Eagles, Cooper succeeded in pressing out a victory.



Weight lifting is easier for some than for others; Tim Martinez gives assistance to Steve Woodard in performing the various lifts.



concentration plays an important part in weight lifting as seen by the expression on Danny Kiser's face



Looking satisfied with his lift Mark Smith shows the "best" weight lifting style and form

The physical demands of lifting weights may be seen on the face of Marty Aquino



Putting a little body English on the ball, Jeff Brown makes the shot.

Slamming on the brakes, Andre Smith hits an effective shot.



Proving that she's not "fenced in," Brenda Gonzales sets up for a shot.

A big part of Karen Hollowell's game is her ground strokes.





A game of serve and volley is what Bill Parker relies on to win

Keen hand-eye coordination keeps Kenny Smith's serve consistent



## Have racquet will travel

Borg's forehand, the backhand of Connors, and the serve of Roscoe Tanner, was what the Abilene High tennis team strove to achieve. The Eagle boys had a record of 5 wins and 2 losses in district, whereas the girls went 0-7. Overall, the Eagle netters had a combined record of 2-5, with wins over Big Spring and Odessa High.

The Eagle boys team, led by 1979 High School All-American Alan Smith, and senior letterman Todd Hunnicut and Randall Bradshaw, gave the Eagles one of the most consistent teams in years. In singles, Alan Smith took third at district, and advanced to regionals. However, the strong point was doubles in which Todd Hunnicut and Jeff Brown dominated the district. They took second at the district meet, and advanced to regionals. Hunnicut and Brown, combined with Alan Smith and Joe Reyes, and Randall Bradshaw and Kenny Smith, had by far the best doubles teams in district, combining for a healthy 19-2 mark.

The Eagles girls did not live up to their own or the coaches expectations. It has been said that "As Karen Hawthorne and Karen Hollowell go, so go the Eagles." However, inexperience proved too much for them to overcome.

Overall, although the tennis season was not a winning one, the students gained valuable experience for later years.



Varsity Tennis Team, FRONT ROW: Kirk Brown, Brenda Gonzales, Karen Hollowell, Shawn Howe, Joe Reyes, Karen Hawthorne, Lisa Miller, Karen Redwine. BACK ROW: Jeff Brown, Bill Parker, Shannon Bailey, Alan Smith, Randall Bradshaw, Todd Hunnicut, Jimmy Pogue, and Coach Jerry Ticer.



# Various coaches play decisive role at AHS

Dedication (ded e ka shen) n. 1. act of dedicating; being dedicated 2 inscription in a book or other artistic work dedicating it to a friend, patron, or cause

Webster's definition of dedication described Coach Beverly Ball perfectly. Miss Ball dedicated her life to the Abilene High Swim program. Coaching her teams to uncountable victories was one of the many examples of her devotion.

Coach Ball made a lasting impression on those who were fortunate to swim for her. She taught classes from beginners to competitive varsity swimmers. Miss Ball was also the coach for the YMCA swim team. Her YMCA team placed in the top three in the state for many years.

As Chairperson of the Taylor County Red Cross Chapter, Coach Ball also controlled the many swim classes held each summer. It took a person with complete devotion to wake up at 6:00 each morning for her YMCA teams and swim classes.

On top of this, Miss Ball ran her own pool and taught private lessons during the summer. The Sunfish pool, formerly

the Seahorse, was owned by Coach Beverly Ball.

The 1980 Swim team had their friend, patron, and cause in Miss Ball.

She was their leader and guide during the season and offered them a sense of purpose and inspiration during their AHS swimming career.

## New Coaches

The new coaches of Abilene High also put much time and effort into their work. There were many new coaches on the Abilene High scene such as Coach Anderson, for JV track, JV basketball and JV volleyball; Coach Coppedge—football, JV basketball; and Coach Pope—varsity track.

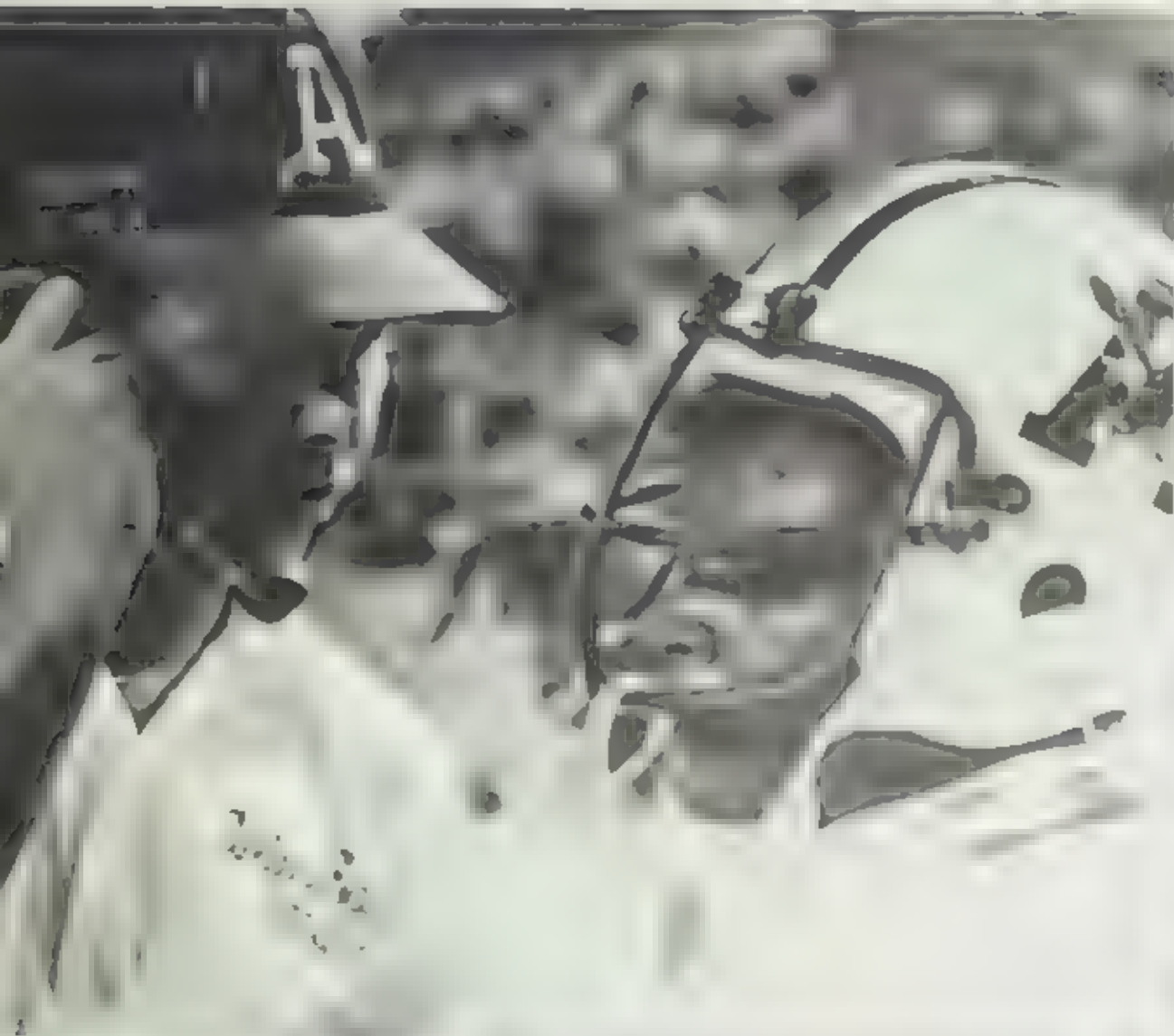
There were also the coaches who were promoted to new coaching positions, such as Coach Dub Pierce, replacing Coach Boynton for varsity basketball and Coach Bill Watkins coached varsity baseball among others.

All in all, the coaches were a very major part of the athletes' lives, while coaching them in their respective sports, as well as serving as a confidant and as an example.

Giving instructions to the swim team, Miss Ball called out the order of events.



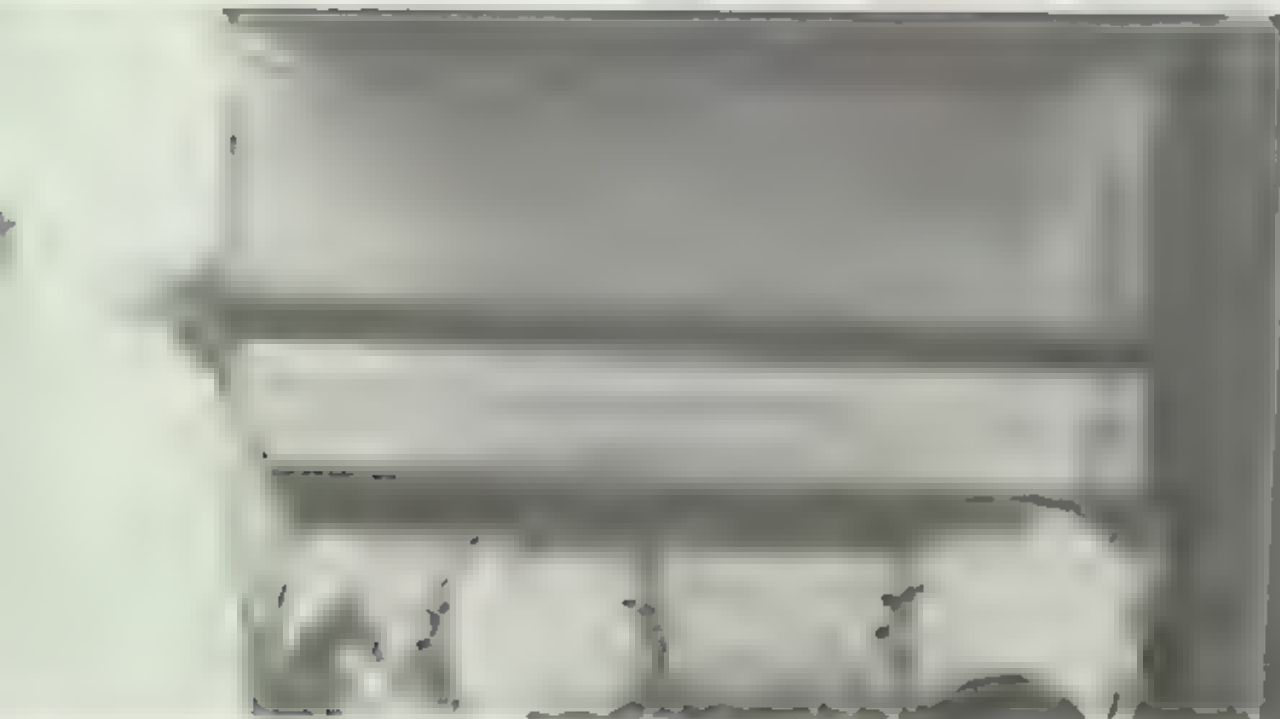
Reflecting on her many years at AHS, Coach Beverly Ball reminisces about her coaching career.



Receiving aid from the pressbox, Coach Alford explains the next play to Willie Roberts



New to Abilene High, Coach Coppedge helps Coach Pierce with the basketball team



Watching the game from the pressbox, Coaches Pierce, Watkins, and Coppedge take notes for the team to review after the game



Working the equipment in storage, Coach Nikki Anderson takes a breather from her new routines



Keeping busy as the new girl's volleyball coach, Janet Duniavey takes time out of her hectic schedule to clean up the equipment closet

Making plans for the game soon to take place, Joa-  
Patino speaks as Cathy Carver and Rhoge-  
Deatherage respond

## Cheerleaders inflate Eagle spirits

One ambition of almost all high school girls is to become an Eagle cheerleader. To become a cheerleader certain qualifications had to be met. Among these qualifications were having a certain athletic ability, some poise, and grace. An upper level grade point average was to be held, as well as good citizenship. A cheerleader had to be a Bold Gold member her junior year.

Before the cheerleaders tried out, they had to attend practice for two and one-half to three weeks during the spring.

They were supervised by the previous year's cheerleaders and sponsors.

A H.S. cheerleaders' duty continues year round. During the summer they worked out and went to cheerleader school at East Texas State University.

Much of a cheerleader's time was used making signs for games. In the time that the cheerleaders had left after doing various and sundry jobs, they did the number one task required—be present at every football and basketball game to maintain that vibrant Eagle Spirit.



Encouraging audience participation, Michelle Mahanav gives a yell to Eagle fans



Preparing the students for the next yell is Cathy Carver



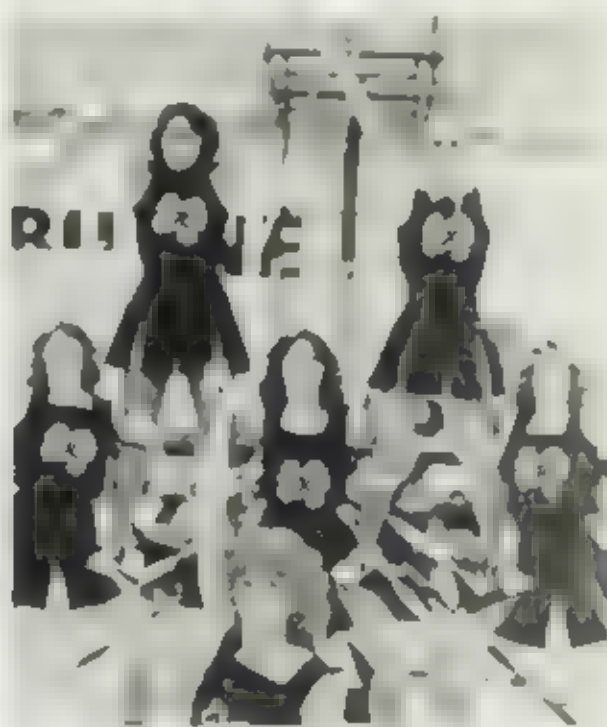
Performing at the Abilene vs. Cooper basketball game, Cynthia Willis cheers on the Eagles





Directing the fans at a football game, Kim Pierce takes control as Michelle Mahanay prepares for the next yell.

Finishing another yell, the cheerleaders further inspire the football team as well as the students during a pep rally.



Making things lively at AHS basketball games is Rhogena Deatherage.



AHS cheerleaders. FRONT ROW: Kim Pierce. SECOND ROW: Cynthia Wicks, Cathy Grove, Michelle Mahanay. THIRD ROW: Laine Pando, Rhogena Deatherage.

## Intramurals, summer looked forward to

Free for a few, fast three months for summer vacation, students, faculty and friends turned themselves loose to sporting activities. Oftentimes, these people couldn't wait until the first day of vacation. The most popular events included frisbee-playing, swimming, playing tennis, waterskiing, fishing, and bike-riding. With the extra time on hand the all-weather sports also picked up, such as bowling, jogging, racquetball, and weight lifting. It seemed as if sportsters were seen everywhere one looked as soon as the weather warmed up. Tans were vainly sought, and many began burning off those unwanted pounds through the healthy exercising that took place.

More and more bikes were seen parked in the parking lots at AHS in the spring months, and tans and burns were displayed in the summery attire seen around school, testifying to the fact that they had somehow managed to get a head-start.

No wonder "Spring Fever" was so widespread when classrooms became stuffy and out-of-doors looked so inviting. Soon, however, the last grueling day went by and many rushed home to don shorts and tennis shoes, or swimming suits in order to avidly pursue that much-desired sport unique for spring and summer alone.

### Intramurals

Students and faculty members alike all had a good time in the basketball intramurals. The faculty Fossils won first place by beating the homeroom from Mr. J. C. Lambdin's and Miss Louise Self's by a score of 57 to 47.

In the game for third and fourth place Mrs. Anderson and Coach Forkerway's homeroom defeated Abernathy Animals by three points with a final score of 59-56.

Concentrating on the goal before shooting a free throw, David White waits for two points.

Going up for two points, John Wall scores during the intramural competition.

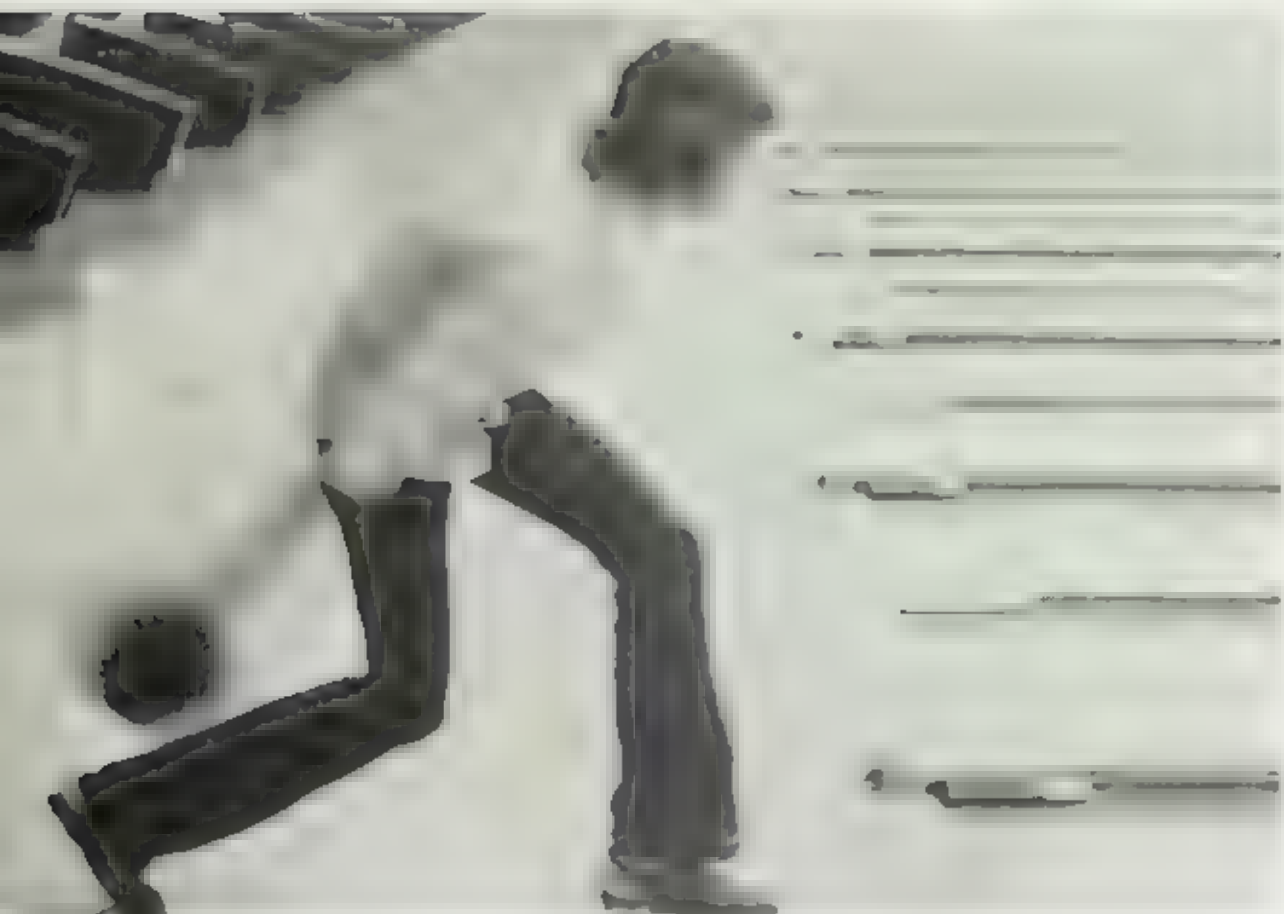


Dribbling down the court, Robert Mesa looks for open man to pass the ball to.



*As the frisbee glides to him, Dan Taylor gets ready to clasp it between his hands*

*Practicing on his form so he'll be bad on the courts in the summer, Joe Reyes completes his serve*



*Bowling for a high score, Greg Lemond bowls the ball towards the pins*

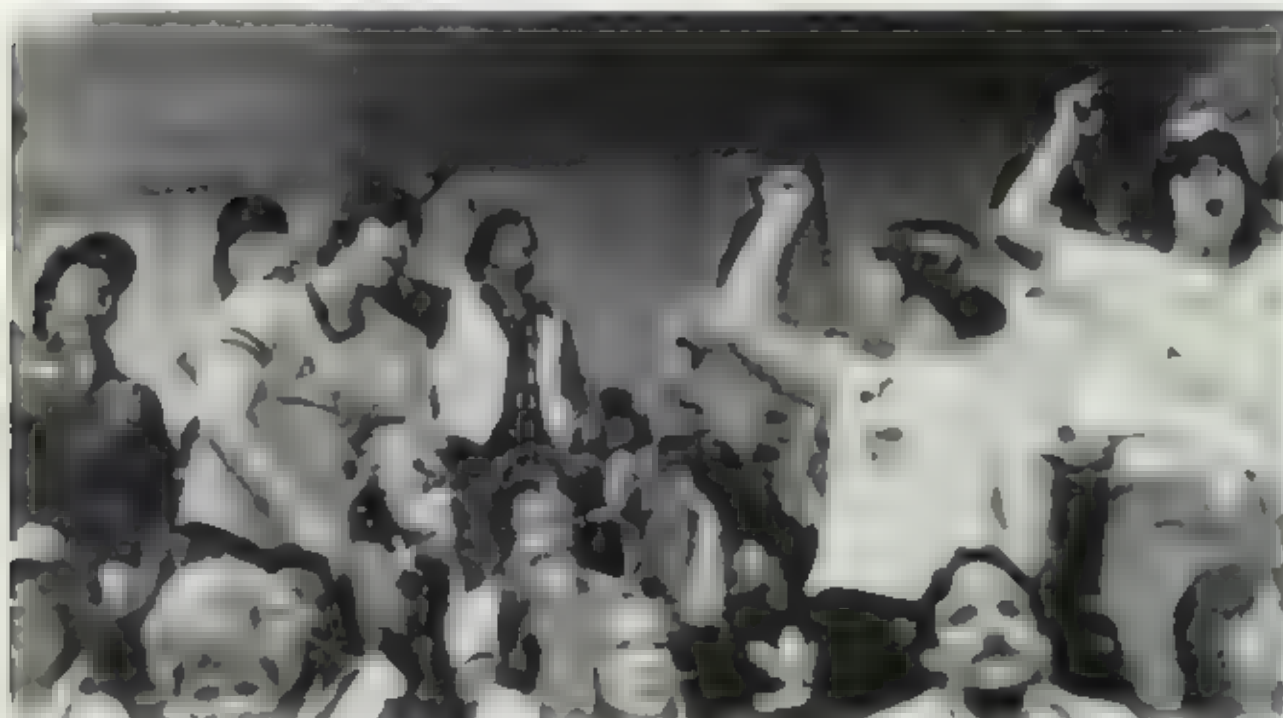


## Athletes gain support

The trainers job was just as important as the football players' job. Their job was to keep up with all of the medical supplies, such as aspirins, salt tablets, bandages, and knee and ankle wraps. They also helped the football team during the work outs and had wrapped any ankles, knees or arms that needed to be wrapped. The trainers were on the spot at all games to aid the injured players. There were trainers for football, basketball, track and baseball.

As for the fans, they come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, colors and mental attitudes, some a little more outgoing than others. The fans played an important and active role. They traveled long distances to see the teams compete. When they got to the game they laughed, yelled, and got angry at the other team and referees when we were getting beat, and each of them never had the same look on their faces twice. All in all the trainers and fans supported the teams both morally and physically, on and off the field.

Checking out an injured player's leg, Kent Cannon shows his trainer's skills.



Getting into the spirit of things, the fans get fired up during the play.



First aid always comes in handy at sporting events and is applied by the student trainers.

Basketball games wouldn't be the same without the  
fans cheering the Eagles on to victory



Outstanding in the crowd, Jake Holt voices his  
opinion about the referee's call



An Abilene High School Trainer wraps the ankle  
for Eagle athlete

Running after the basketball team, Bird Gold offers  
their congratulations



The 1979-80 Eagle mascots are Terry Houghton and Mike Baerle.

The unveiling of the Eagle head to the mascot's time of the World Fair ended by a lot of hands and a lot of "Hoo!" as "Hoo!" was heard.



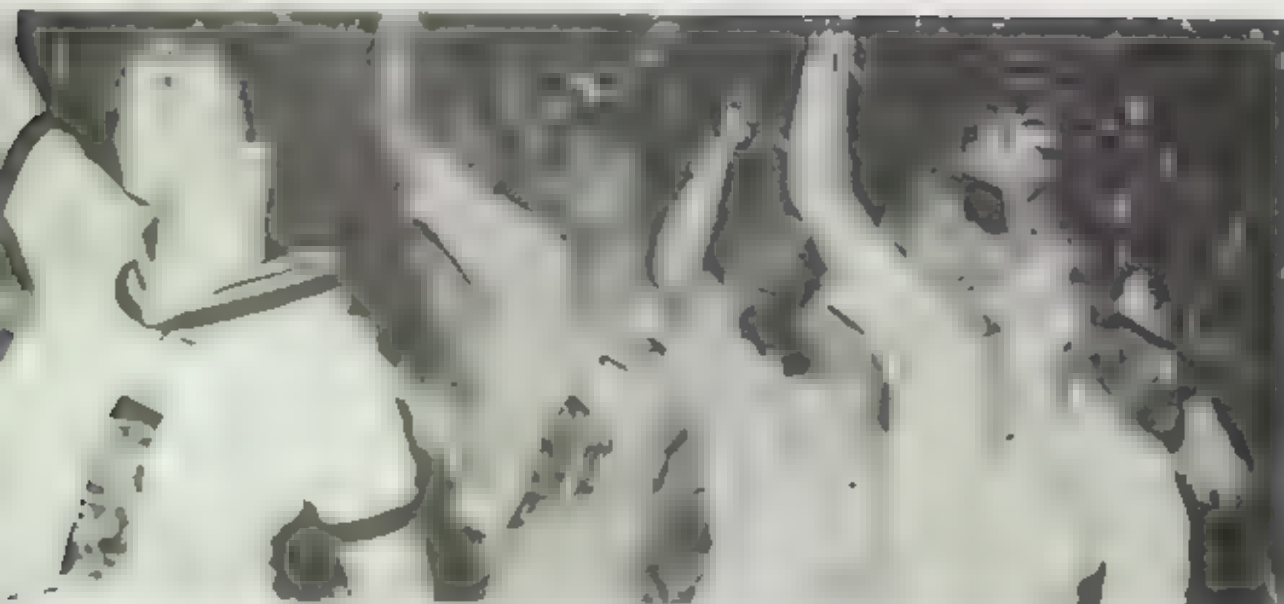
Talking off the top of his head is Terry Houghton, who has many people to love his Eagle head.

Demonstrating their uncanny knack of appearing to sing with athletic ability, the 1979-80 Bold Gold leaders are all to right. Jerry Davis, left, is a member of the Bold Gold team. Jerry Davis, left, is a member of the Bold Gold team. Jerry Davis, left, is a member of the Bold Gold team.



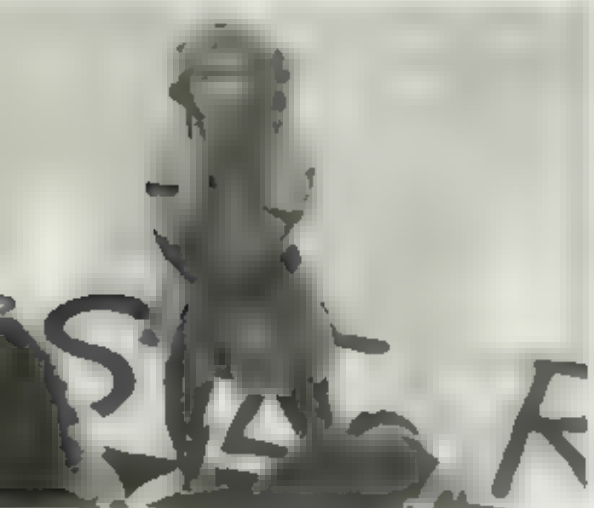


Looking around the clock, Joanna Crawford and the members of Squad S show their timing and spirit.



Another victory is in the bag as Sarah Pogue counts down the final seconds.

Urging her squad on, Judith Dawkins seeks help from above.



## Bold Gold, Mascots top school in spirit

Getting no respect" It was called by Rodney Dangerfield. Howard Cosell would have said, "They are underrated." However at Abilene High, students called them Bold Gold or mascots.

Bold Gold never missed a football game, at home or on the road, and were at all the home basketball, baseball, tennis, swimming, and track matches. Perhaps the biggest thing they did was making the signs and locker boosters. Seen in their yellow tops, and black pants, Bold Gold was known for its spirit.

Girls with that much unity must have had some leadership. The Squad Leaders and sponsors provided this. Squad Leaders Christy Cunningham, Joanna Crawford, Jenny Davis, Judith Dawkins, Jen Francis, Sarah Pogue, and Lon Ricker, along with sponsors Mrs. Rapson, Mrs. Barker, and Mrs. Stover, saw that everything was in perfect order. They taught the girls routines that were performed at games, but most of all, they taught and showed spirit and unity, which was needed most at Abilene High.

The mascots for the 1979-1980 school year were Michael Balanciere and Terry Houlihan. They were a part of the cheerleaders. Both were experienced gymnasts, with Michael winning the "Macho Man" contest. They were given an eagle head, which both wore during the games.

Leadership, spirit, and unity was definitely the description of Bold Gold and the mascots. Now, maybe they will receive their much needed respect.

# Basketball

AHS	OPPONENT	
72	Cronado	61
73	Temple	75
74	Waco University	92
75	Jeff Moore	66
76	Waco	44
77	Brown	48
78	Abernathy	62
79	Mineral Wells	49
80	Permian	67
81	Snyder	54
82	Wichita Falls	51
83	Ector	77
84	Ector	64
85	Waxahachie	51
86	Richfield	51
87	Weatherford	61
88	Richland	56
89	Big Spring	57
90	Odessa Permian	57
91	Midland	67
92	Odessa	51
93	San Angelo	57
94	Midland Lee	67
95	Cooper	44
96	Odessa Permian	61
97	Big Spring	57
98	San Angelo	66
99	Midland Lee	62
100	Cooper	62

# GYMNASTICS

District Record	Men	Girls
	6-1	6-1
District Meet	2nd	2nd
Regional Meet	2nd	2nd
State Meet	3rd	4th

# BASKETBALL

AHS	OPPONENT	
1	Waco	44
2	Waco	44
3	Waco	44
4	Waco	44
5	Waco	44
6	Waco	44
7	Waco	44
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9	Waco	44
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20	Waco	44

# FOOTBALL

AHS	OPPONENT	
1	Waco	44
2	Waco	44
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# MENS BASEBALL

AHS	OPPONENT	
1	Waco	44
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2nd	Waco
3rd	Waco
4th	Waco
5th	Waco
6th	Waco
7th	Waco
8th	Waco
9th	Waco
10th	Waco

# Swimming

Opponent	Boys	Girls
Wichita Falls	7	10
Corsicana (Duel)	2	
San Angelo	8	11
Coronado (Duel)	1	
Odessa	7	6
Midland Lee (Duel)	2	2
Texas Tech	11	12
Big Spring (Duel)	1	1
San Angelo (Duel)	0	0
District Meet	0	0

# Tennis

AHS	Opponent	
4	San Angelo	14
11	Odessa	1
11	Big Spring	1
6	Midland Lee	1
1	San Angelo	1

## District B

Team	Loss
At Home	
At Away	
San Angelo	
Midland	
San Angelo	
At Home	
At Away	

# Volleyball

1	San Angelo	16-14, 15-3
2	Abilene	15-8, 15-7, 16-14
3	Fredericksburg	15-7, 15-9
4	Sweetwater	15-10, 15-8
5	Fredericksburg	16-14, 15-7
6	Sweetwater	15-4, 15-7
7	Big Spring	15-7
8	San Angelo	16-5, 15-7
9	Midland High	15-3, 15-12
10	Odessa	15-11, 15-13
11	San Angelo	15-4, 15-3
12	Midland Lee	15-4, 15-13, 15-7
13	Cooper	15-5, 14-10
14	Big Spring	15-3, 15-2
15	Fredericksburg	17-15, 15-4
16	Midland High	15-9, 15-7, 16-4
17	San Angelo	5-3, 15-13
18	San Angelo	15-1, 15-5
19	San Angelo	15-1, 17-15
20	San Angelo	15-3, 14-5, 15-8



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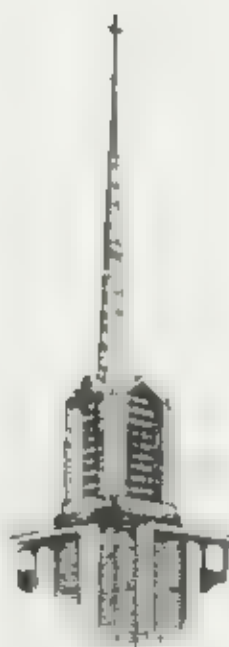
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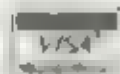
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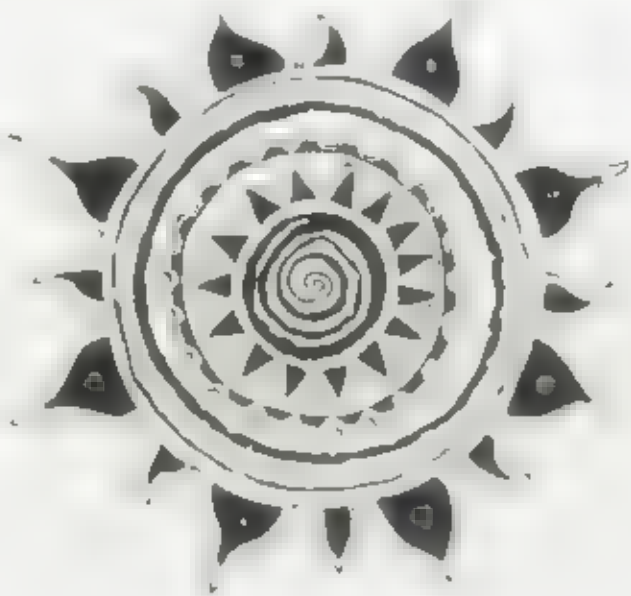
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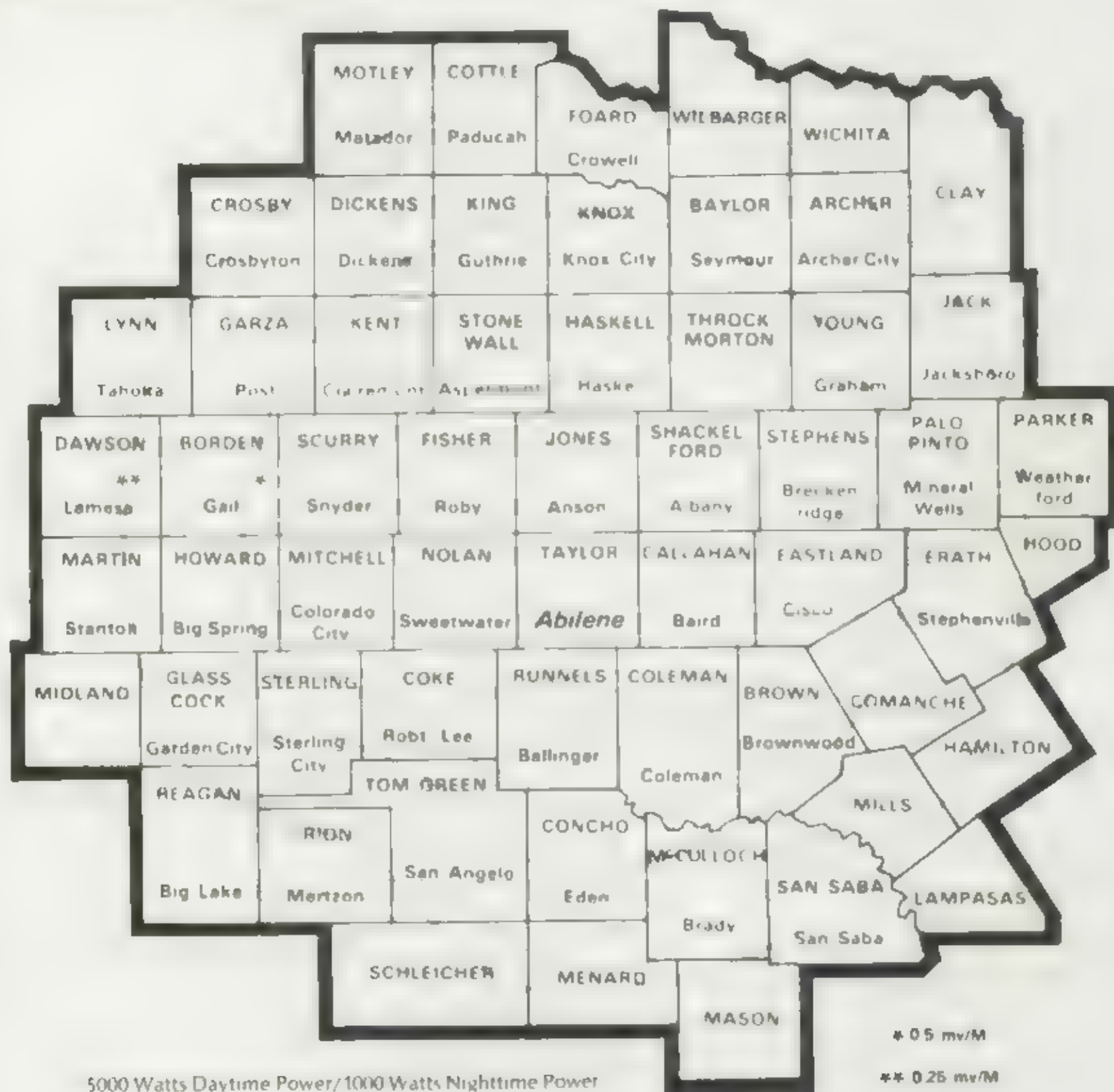
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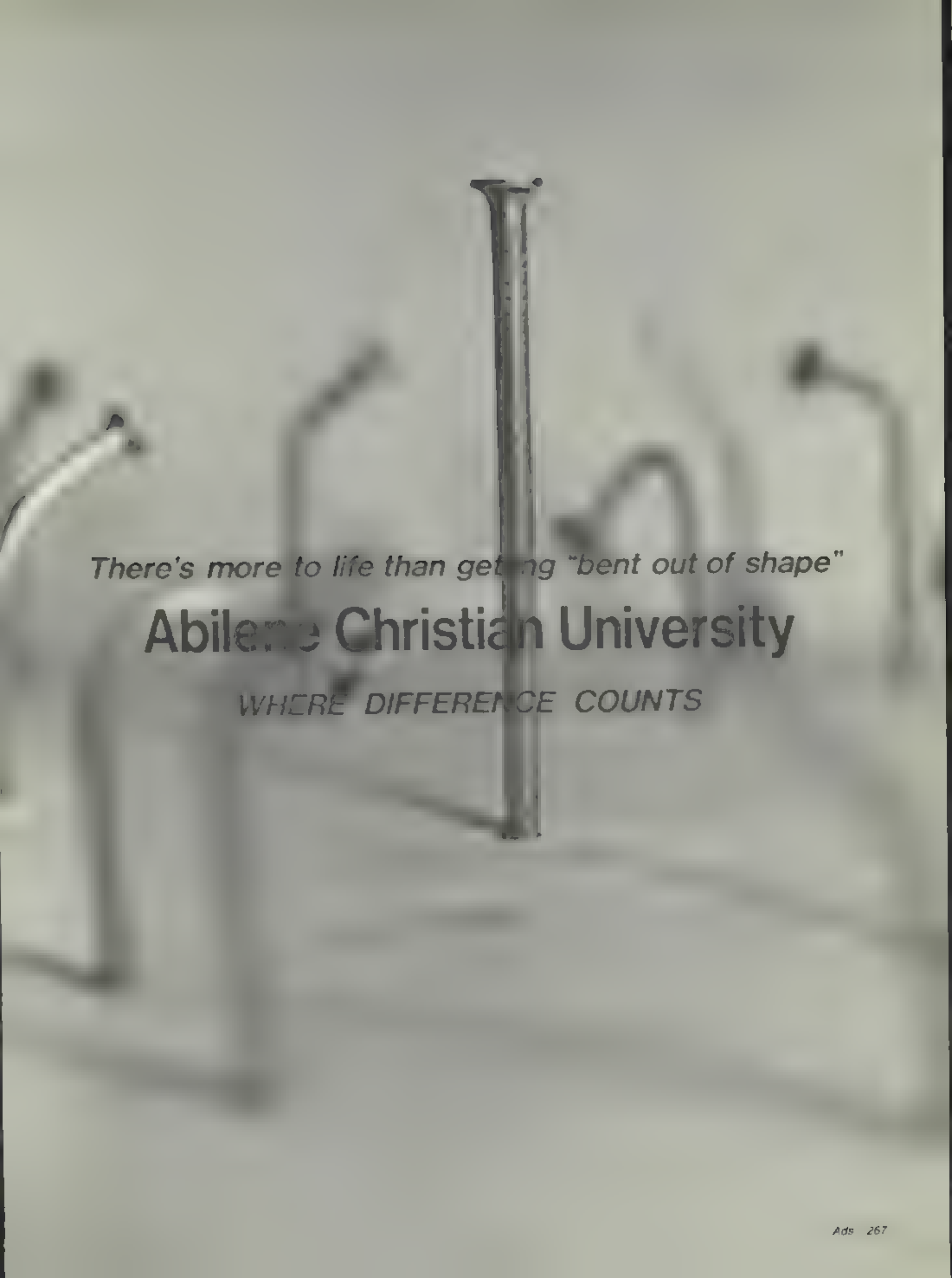
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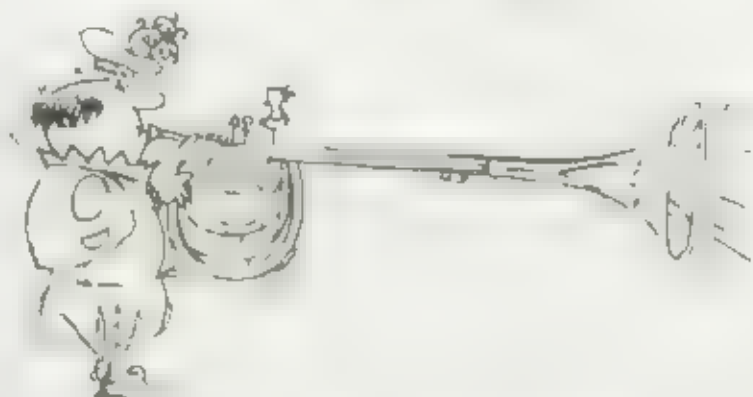
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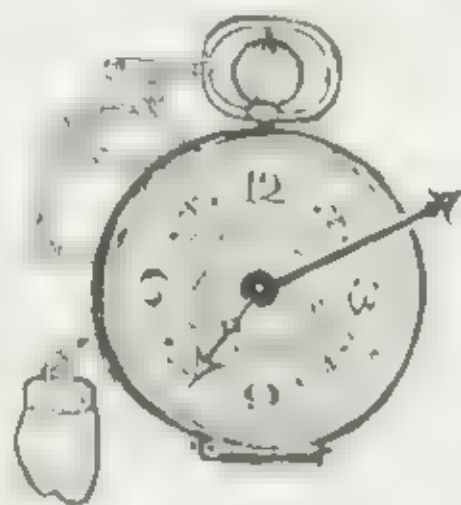
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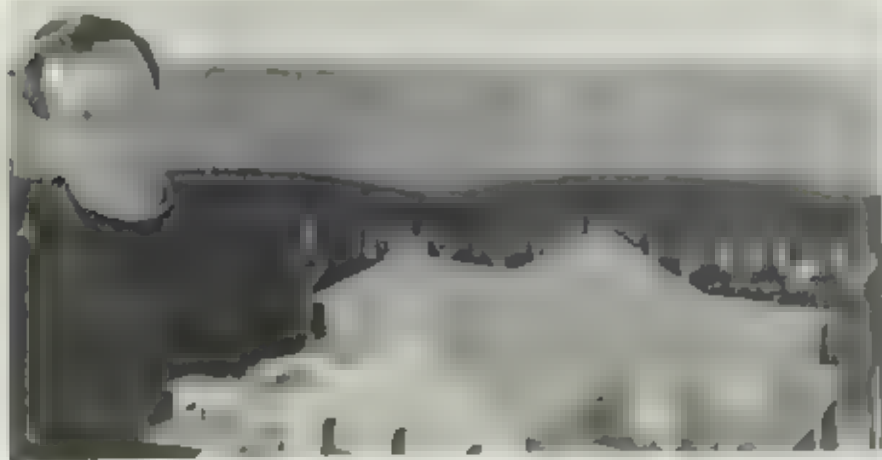
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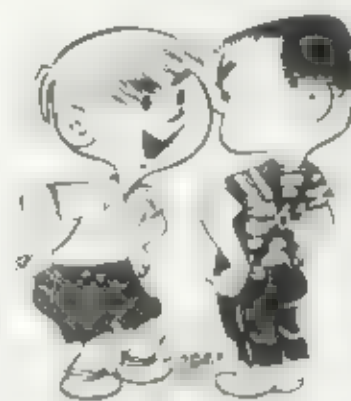
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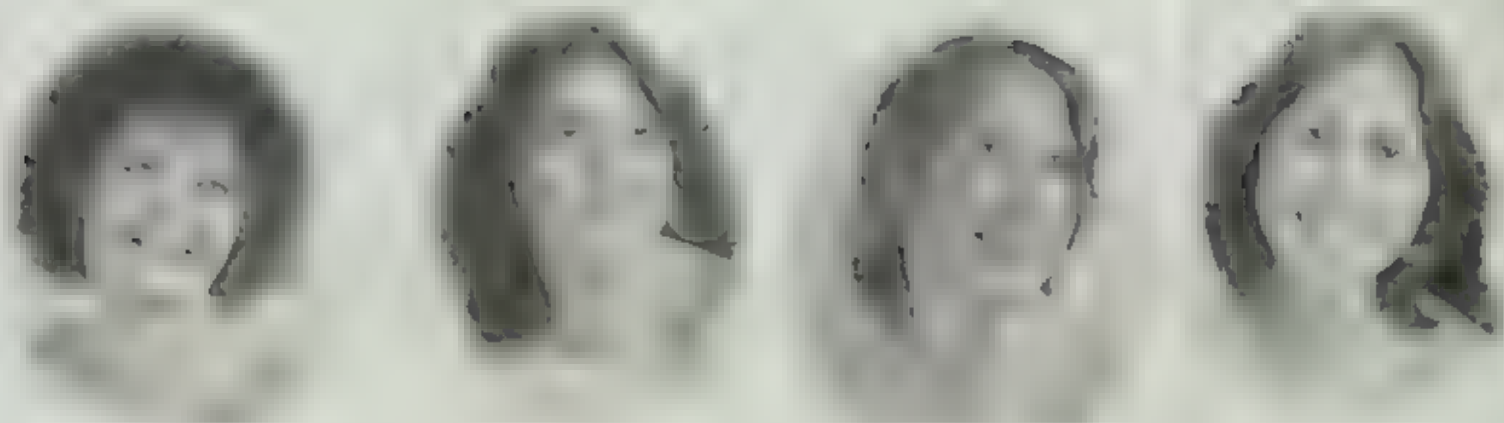
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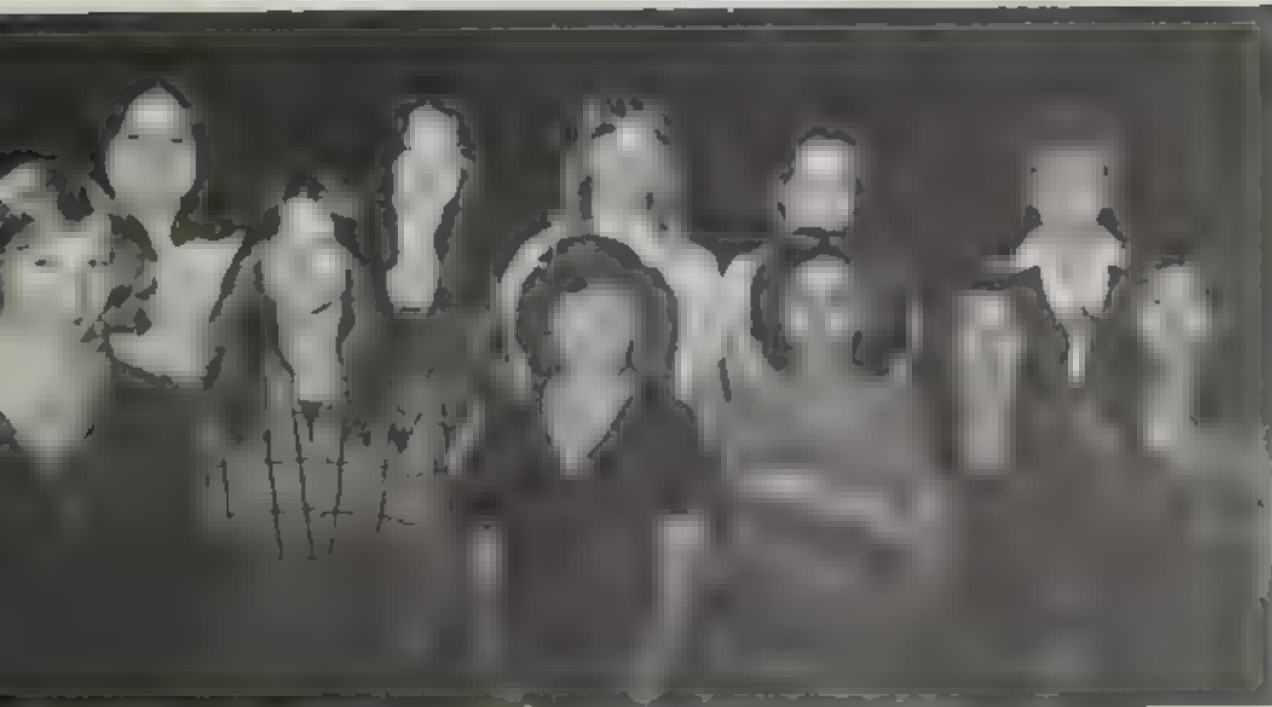
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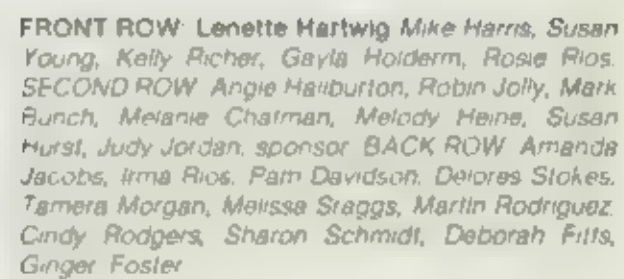
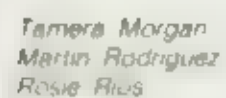
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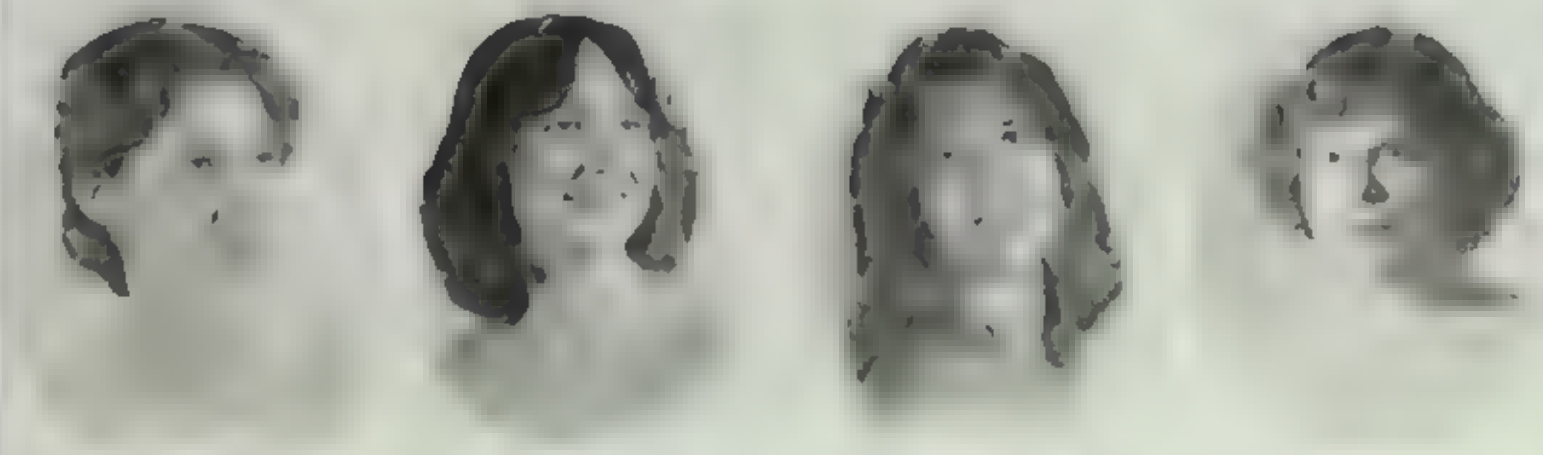
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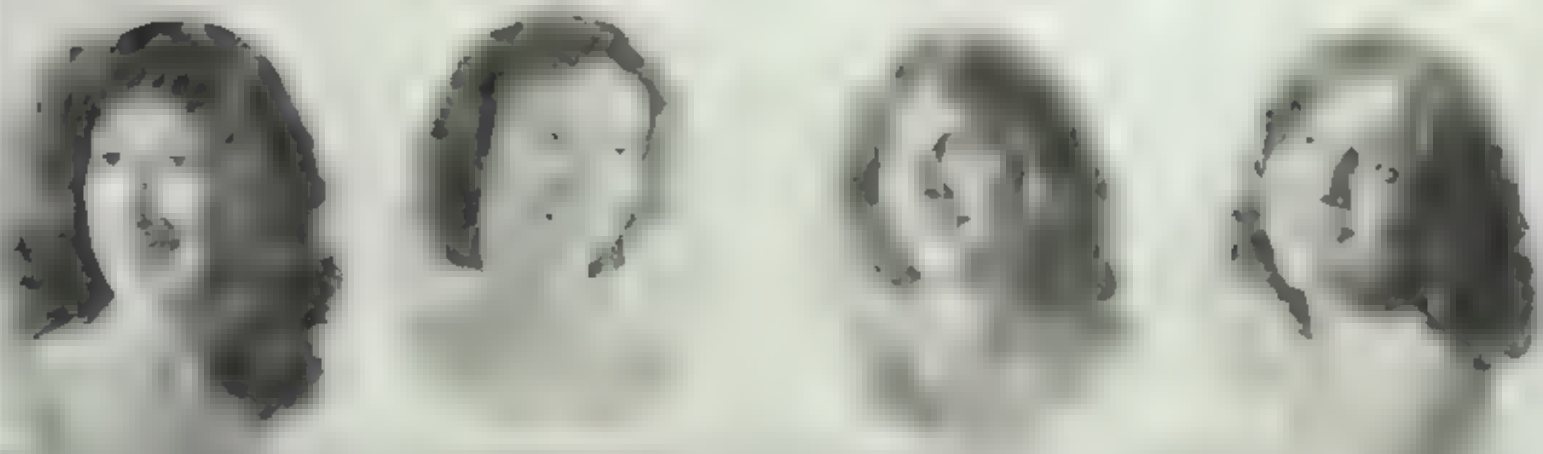
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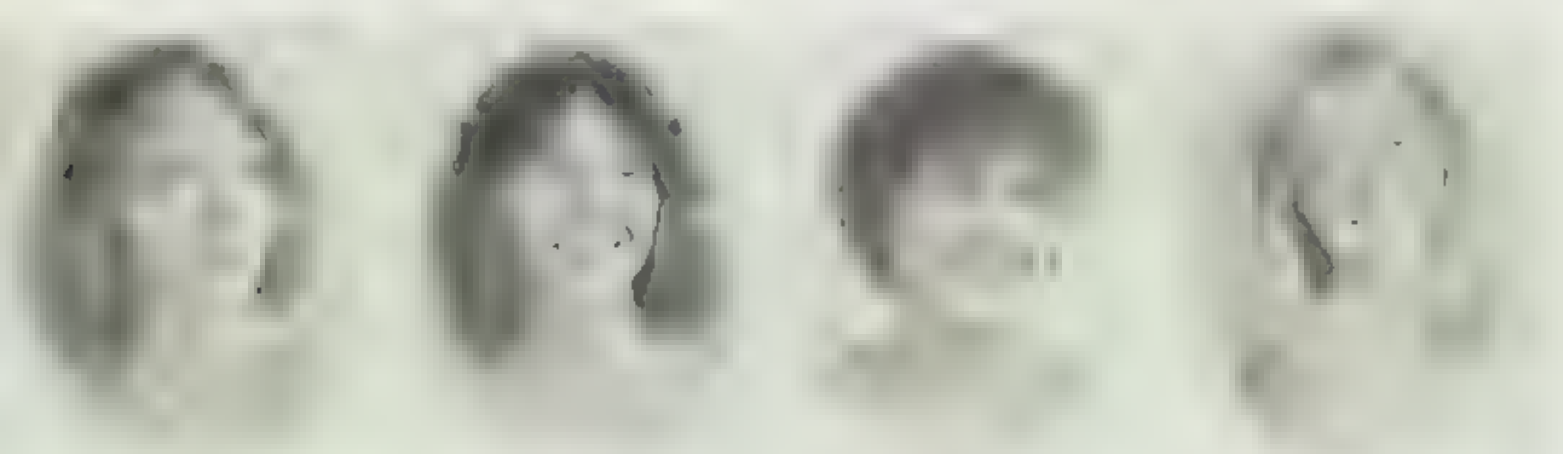


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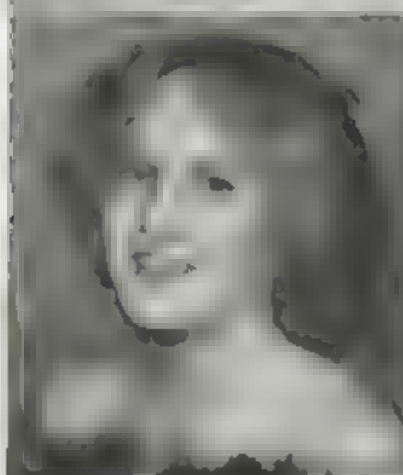
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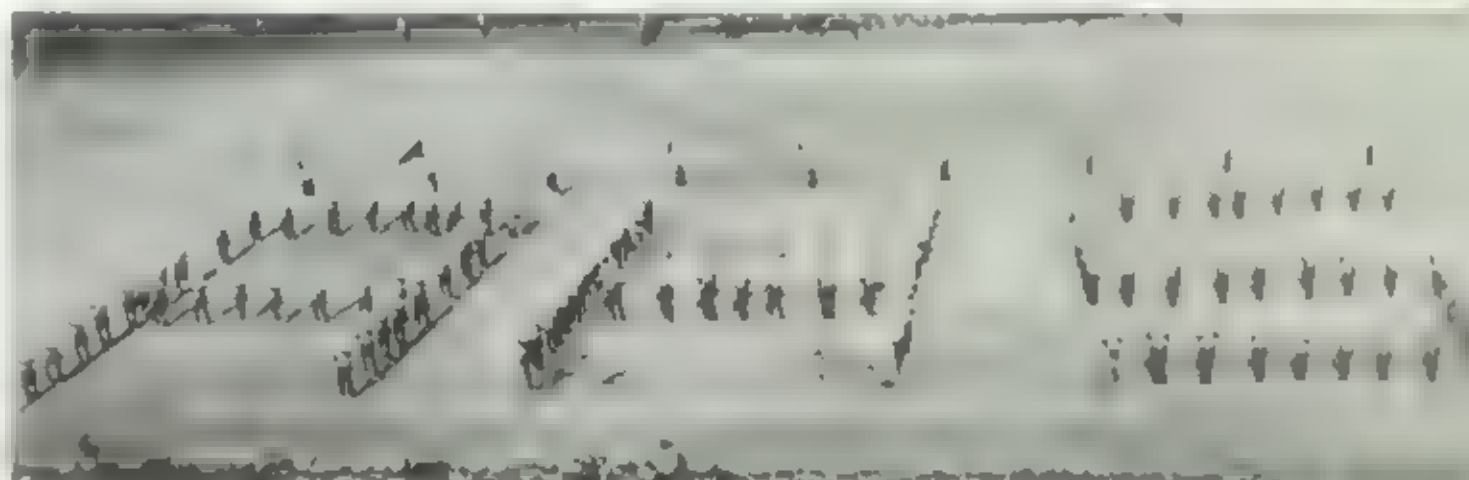
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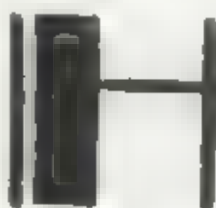
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Perfection is the key as Sissy Maudin works in her cosmetology class





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listening, stretching and bumming out are three keys to making it through a year with Flashlight as Kim Carlisle, Kelly Coward, and Robert Romero demonstrate.



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Checking tickets for the prom at the Civic Center is Mr. Ron Esmar.

book would be missing some memorable times captured by her camera. Also, we extend our thanks to Abilene Reporter News for pictures that otherwise would not be there. Special thanks to David Leeson for pictures and support given to us.

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Dancing with her friends, Denise Miller watches the little roaches on the floor.



Sitting proudly on his new bike is Carlos Martinez.



Making a run for it before the cement dries, students in building trades also get their exercise.





Rocking away in a practice session members of Abyss perfect their songs down to the very last note

## AHS alive with various interactions

Singing, yelling, teaching, gossiping, and just plain old talking—whatever the means, the students of Abilene High were expressive to friends, foes, faculty, and fellow students. Wherever they were, communication of some sort was taking place. Students and faculty alike were somehow always interacting with each other through various ways.

Music, one of the most popular communication forms at AHS, turned out to be both enjoyable and profitable to five students of the school. Dennis O'Neill, Danny and Dale Roach, Mike Parrot, and Scott Sandefur, otherwise known as Abyss, became, what many believed, an overnight sensation. Rock and roll night at the Paramount Opry was successful in celebrating this group of young men.

High on the list of popular musical media was the radio and the eight-track tape player. Several students revealed their music preferences by walking down the halls with a radio to their ear banging out tunes of rock, disco, and soul. Almost every pick-up truck in the parking lot had country and western blaring from its speakers.

Communication, something thought to be restricted to the vocal cords, took place in other forms as well. Writing, acting, art and photography were just a few of the activities to mention. Many students felt that in these areas they were most creative and expressive. Poetry, prose, dramatics, comedies, paintings, and photographs were the end result of several students' hard work, time and effort.

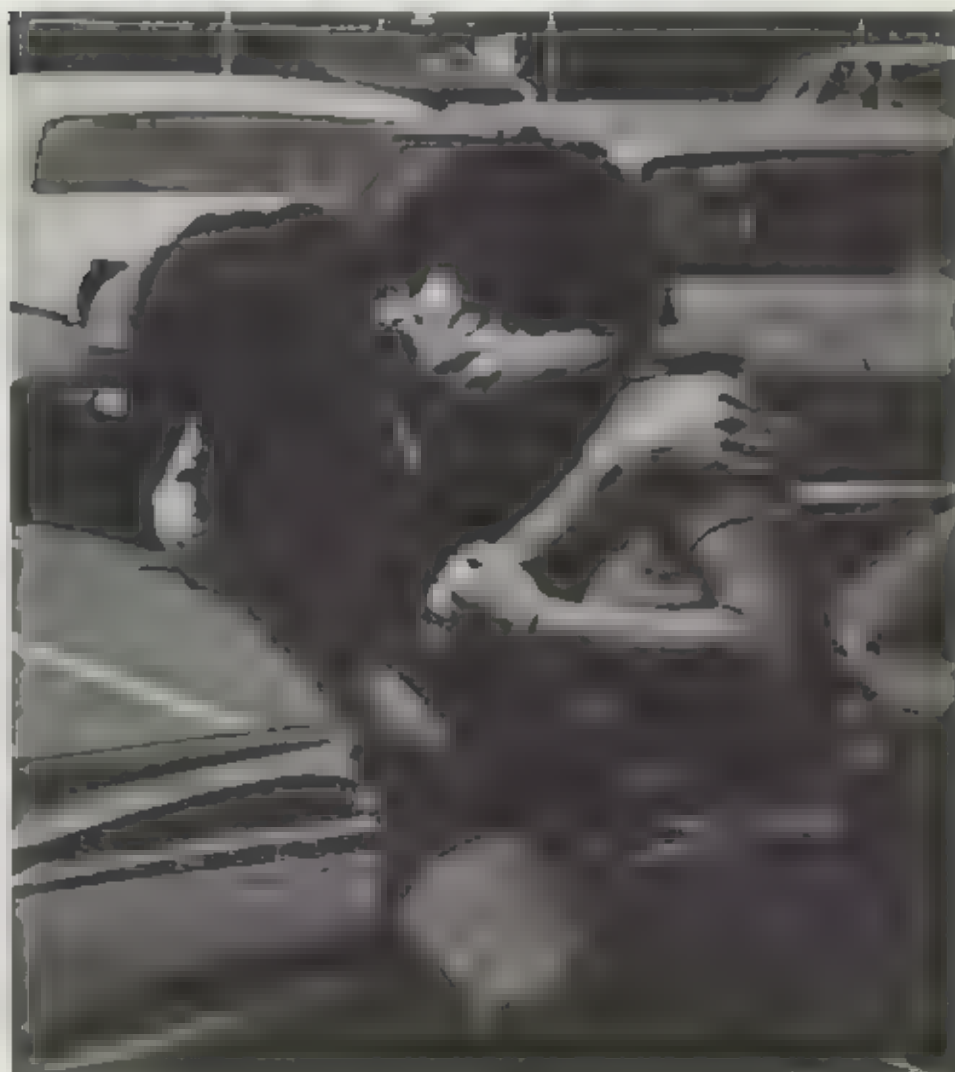
Not to be forgotten, plain old talking and conversing were always in progress. Talking out problems, relating feelings, and thoughts was, for the majority, an outlet. Friends and faculty often times had fun times, sad times, and glad times as a source for debate and discussions. Hardly a day went by without someone passing on a joke or amusing anecdote to their companion.

Life otherwise might have been dull, but the expressiveness and communication the students achieved during their years at AHS made up for the everyday hum-drumness. The variety, talent, and creativity that was demonstrated plus the friendships that were formed proved to make most everyone's life at AHS a little better.

Imitating the Blues Brothers, Jimmy  
Sugar and Sam Smith find the  
release for their anger in a sense of  
humor that is all their own.



Expressing affection runs a close  
second to music as two angry maids  
smoothly reveal their obvious prefer-  
ence.



Other means of transportation besides  
the car are used by the women of  
the house. At the top, a woman is  
seen riding a bicycle. At the bottom,  
a woman is seen riding a horse.

# Individuals receive support

Being oneself in the tirade of being with the masses at AHS was a trying and sometimes exasperating experience. Through it all, however, the average individualist set certain goals for himself and strove to achieve them throughout the school term. Achieving in individuality and still maintaining the "part of the crowd" attitude was found by many to be attainable and respect was usually won for the "ne'er stick to the stereotype" who bravely fought tradition and many times came out on top.

Individuality, obviously something having to do with the self, could not have possibly been achieved without the help and understanding of others. Many sometimes found the road to being oneself a rough one to travel, but the friend that lent a guiding hand helped them in their way.

Those that chose individuality

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Just joking around before the actual meeting begins, Eric Stevens and Patricia Campbell join in the fun of being a member of Key Club which meets at Mac Epit.

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over conformity found many ways to express their feelings. Whether it was through dress, music preference, political views, or moralistic values, the non-conformists pleaded their case with all the enthusiasm of a raging fire. The ironic part of it all was that even during the "individuality fight," those boycotting cliquishness found others that were fighting for the same cause and formed their own little group. Some of these included the "Christy Harris mod fashion dressers," the young Democrats, the smokers and the dopers, and the freaks



and the ropers. Other groups deemed smart, but they had their own purpose. Their motto related non-conformity. If everyone else was doing it, they did just the opposite by not doing it or "doing something completely different."

However paradoxical it all seemed, many students engaged in the practice and grew stronger from the experience. Most students found the process as the liberalism of youth, but the adults probably had a better phrase for it—they simply called it growing up.

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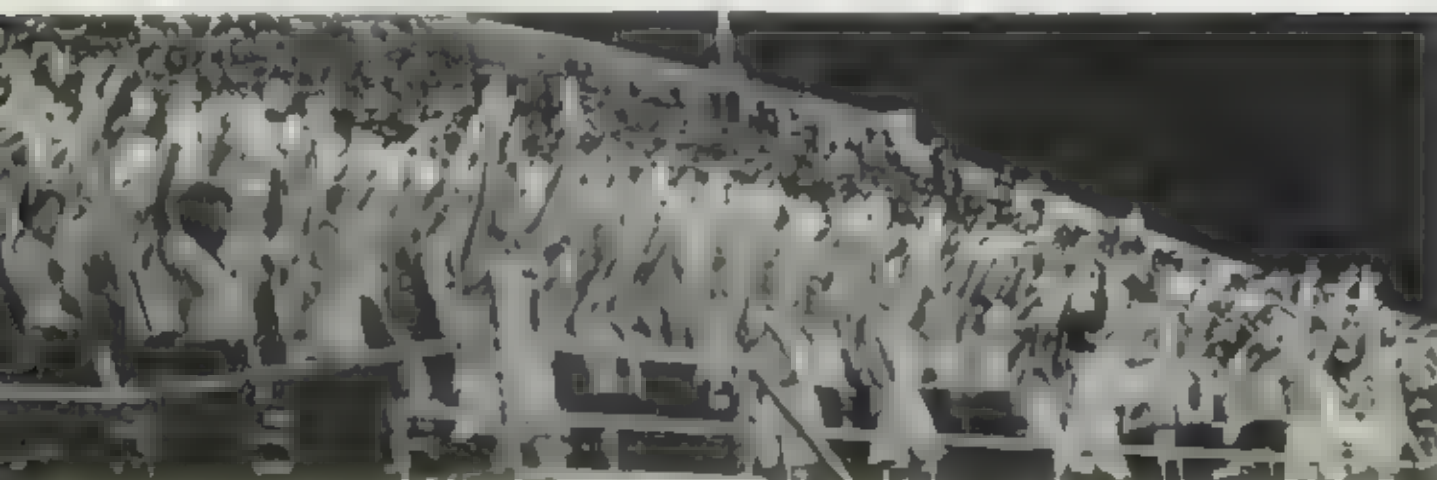
Used at one time for propaganda's sake, these discarded posters now speak to the candidates needed by the





Homework sometimes calls for time out from lunch as James Hanke sits alone to do his assignment!

Spinning the hits at KAHS, the catfena radio station, Ron Modesty and Clarence Moore take a break between air times



Urging the teams on with cheers and spirit, Bold Gold gives a 'yaassay, Eagles!'



through the hard times  
the tears of despair  
the laughter of embarrassment  
the looks of hopelessness  
there were people  
who cared  
there was a smiling face  
and a hand  
to wipe away the tears  
there was a reassuring  
pat on the back  
comforting words to  
scare away the embarrassment  
there were looks of "hang in there, kid"  
to return the hopeless looks  
there were friends  
to do these things  
there were friends to smile  
to comfort  
to pat  
to care

to care  
so many did care  
they shared the grief  
the agony  
and the pain

they listened  
they rejoiced  
they cried too  
they defended  
they were the true friends.  
they cared  
—cl

Helping Cathy Carver out of the car  
Rhogenia Deatherage plays the part of  
a friend after their serious car accident  
which left Cathy with several injuries

## Final impressions made lasting

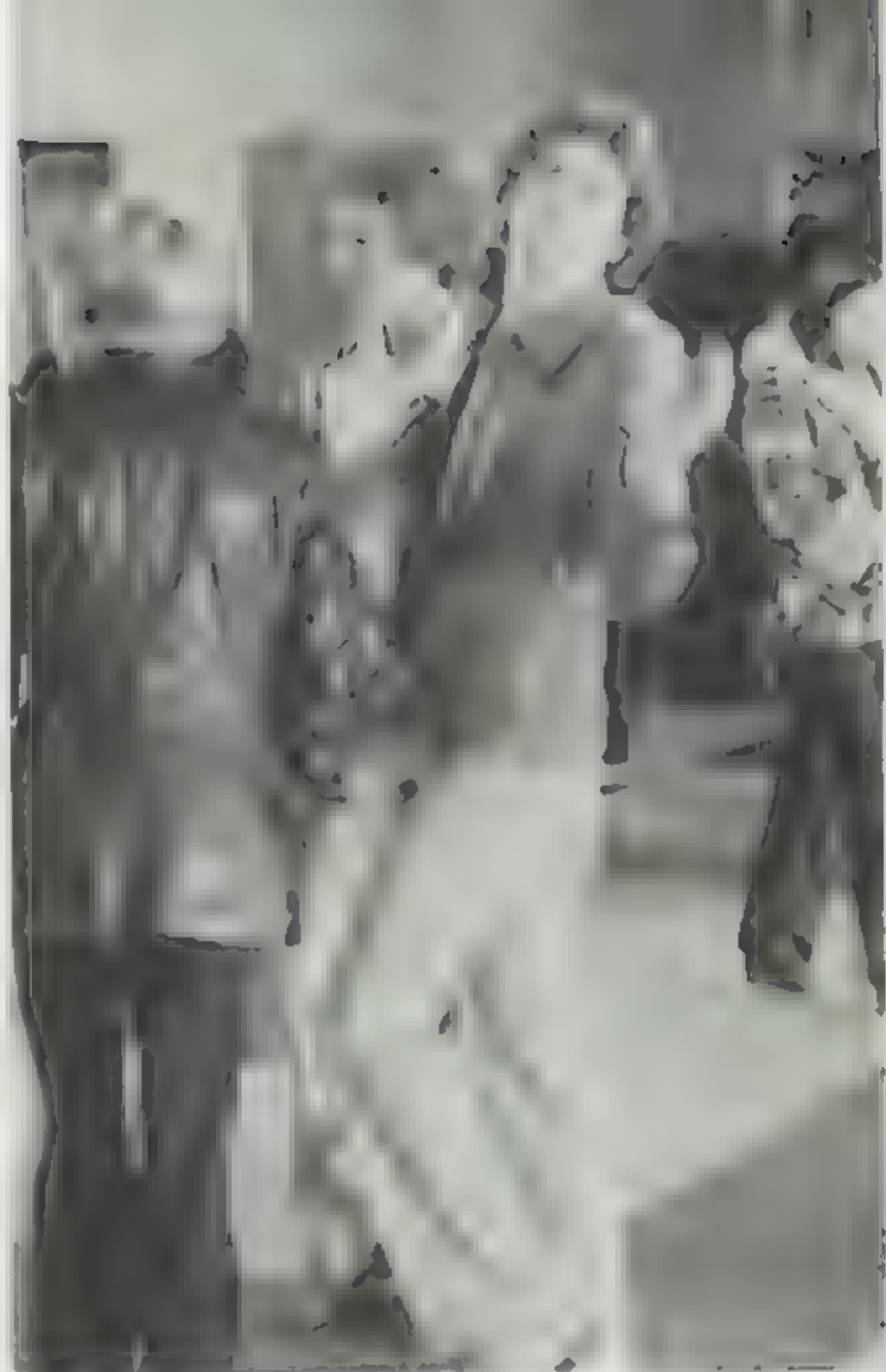
Boom! The changes slapped nearly every student at Abilene High in the face. In their laps, sat all kinds of things, both good and bad. There, looking them squarely in the face were things like the gas shortage, nearby graduation—whether a few months or a couple of years away—future encounters, and decisions of all shapes and sizes to be made.

Not many AHS students shined away from these challenges. They grabbed them, sorted them, and faced them head-on. They examined and completed many of the decisions, they made choices, and although the effects weren't felt nationwide, they made lasting impressions on peers, on adults, and on Abilene in general.

The senior class would be remembered by many as being the first class of AHS to graduate in the new decade. The sophomores would be the

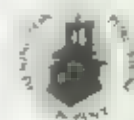
first to study in high school totally in the 1980's, and the juniors—the juniors were caught in the middle again, but they found ways of establishing their worth. Many of the individuals were early achievers and found themselves in the trend-setter's role. They discovered early that their job as juniors was preparing. They prepared for their senior year by getting much of the required courses out of the way, they prepared for college life with applications, and the standardized tests such as the PSAT. The grade individuals were in, however, had little bearing on their goals, or their methods for meeting their goals. Students at AHS moved ahead, and relied on others to help them progress.

"That's just disgusting!" Grossing out on the morning's topic, Brian Stout is caught in a very uncool position by a very cool camera.



Lasting impressions were made tenfold in the classroom as Jeff Hot and Sheri Kehr realize as the graduation date draws nearer.

Singing out loud and strong, Reggie James goes in his choreography—a move long to be remembered. With or without his help, the seniors stole all of the possible first place positions in Sing Song '89.







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